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LINDBERGH AND NOT BABY SHOULD HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED!



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HELEN JACOB'S BAIT RAISED

"MRS. WHITTINGSTALL HAS ACCEPTED"



"Modern Napoleon" is the designation being given Gen. Jose Estigarribia (below), commander of the small Paraguayan army which routed the larger and better equipped Bolivian army led by German war veterans, in the campaign which has virtually ended the six-year war over "Chaco" territory. Eusebio Alaya, President of Paraguay, is shown above.

MORE REFORMS IN KWANGTUNG

New Single Land Tax To Be Levied

WEEDING OUT INCOMPETENT OFFICIALS

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.
An official of the Kwangtung Provincial Government announced on Thursday night that the provisional land tax will be collected early in the Spring throughout the province and that the yearly rate is one per cent. ad valorem.

This tax, according to this official, replaces numerous other duties on land. By efficient collection, he said, the income would be greater than ever before, although the burden on the people would be no heavier. He did not state what amount it will yield, but it is under that the new tax will net about \$10,000,000 a year.
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BUSES COLLIDE IN KOWLOON

ENGINE TROUBLE RESPONSIBLE

A nasty accident was narrowly averted this morning outside the Peninsula Hotel in Kowloon, when two omnibuses collided.

Two buses on the No. 1 and No. 7 routes were travelling past the hotel when the engine of the first bus stalled; and the rear bus, following close behind, was unable to pull up in time to avert a collision, although it swerved and took off the right rear mudguard and damaged the rear of the coachwork to a considerable extent.
The impact resulted in a European lady passenger, who was sitting in the front seat of the front bus, being violently thrown against the framework of the bus, but, fortunately, she sustained no serious injury.



Reichsfuehrer Hitler's personal emissary, General Joachim von Ribbentrop, returned to Berlin from Paris after hearing Foreign Minister Laval's speech calling on Germany to "make known whether it accepts or shuns the duty of maintaining present frontiers."

COAL FOR CATTLE

ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

NEWS ANENT DUTY UNAUTHORISED

London, To-day.
Despite the fact that the information that British coal was to be admitted to the Irish Free State duty-free emanated from the office of the Irish High Commissioner in London, the position is very confused.

The statement has surprised Dublin, but no denial has been issued.
Mr. Dulanty, the High Commissioner, has now made a statement that whoever supplied the information from his office was unaware of the facts.
No clarification, however, is yet available, but Dublin is asking whether Free State cattle will enter Britain duty-free.—Reuter.

SHIPPING DISPUTE

Same Privilege For All Owners

"As the owner of the s.s. Sun Nam Hoi had been allowed to make a few slight amendments to two clauses in the agreement drawn up by the China Coast Officers' Guild, those who have not yet signed and who are also clients of Mr. Peter H. Sin will automatically be granted the same privilege," stated Captain W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, to the China Mail this morning.
Mr. Sin's clients have already definitely instructed him not to sign the agreement, but they are willing to pay the Arbitration Award scale. A special meeting will be held on Monday to discuss whether to sign the agreement or not.

Government Appointments

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Alfred Reginald Seymour Major to be a Member of the Committee to administer the Mercantile Marine Assistance Fund of Hong Kong, vice Mr. Walter Richardson Scott, with effect from the January 1.
Mr. William Henry Bell has been nominated a member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong for a further period of three years, with effect from November 12, 1934.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT SURPRISES

REPUBLICANS LAUD CONTENTS

BORAH FAVOURS DOLE ELIMINATION

Washington, To-day.
Surprise has been created by President Roosevelt's address to the Senate, in view of the fact that it contains no estimate of the cost of the far-reaching plans submitted.

The Democrats naturally praise the tone and contents of the message, while the Republicans are more cautious in their comments. Senator William E. Borah, however, wholeheartedly approves the President's recommendation for the elimination of the doles.
President Roosevelt's address has created some surprise, owing to the scope of the proposals and to the fact that the cost of the plans has yet not been estimated.
The Democrats wholeheartedly praise the recommendations of their leader, Senator Joseph P. Robinson of Arkansas, declaring that the principles announced in the legislation proposed are both sound.

The Republicans are more cautious; their leader, Senator Charles A. McNary, opining that the President's message is interesting and "forward-looking."
Senators William E. Borah and Key Pittman have both voiced their approval of the recommendation for the elimination of doles.
The address has not affected the stock markets.—Reuter.

PIERRE LAVAL IN ROME

Welcomed At Station By Mussolini

Rome, To-day.
M. Pierre Laval and his daughter arrived in Rome at 7 p.m. yesterday and were welcomed at the station by Premier Benito Mussolini and other prominent Italian persons.—Reuter.

Much interest is displayed here in the conversations about to take place in Rome between the French Minister, Monsieur Pierre Laval, and Signor Benito Mussolini, at which the negotiations on important European and other questions which, through diplomatic channels, have been proceeding for some time, will be supplemented by more direct exchanges of view.
On his arrival last evening at Rome M. Laval was accorded a most cordial welcome by Il Duce, who accompanied by the Italian Ministers and foreign diplomatic representatives.—British Wireless Service.

PREMIER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO-NIGHT

London, To-day.—The British Broadcasting Corporation has announced that the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, will broadcast a New Year message through transmission 4 to-night at 8.30 G.M.T. on wavelengths GSA and GSB.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy weather, with fresh north-east winds, was the weather forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.
Dr. George H. R. Hardy, of the Royal Observatory, University of Cambridge, said that the weather in the colony would be similar to that in the British Isles.

SUGGESTION BY THE DEFENCE



Still hopeful that her husband will eventually be cleared of the charges despite the fact that more evidence is being heaped upon him, Mrs. Anna Hauptmann, wife of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, indicted suspect in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, spends much of her time with their infant son, Manfred. This photograph shows the mother taking Manfred for a ride in his buggy.

1934 DECLARED ANXIOUS AND BUFFETED YEAR

LORD PRIVY SEAL PRAISES LEAGUE ACHIEVEMENTS

London, To-day.

Speaking at Newcastle yesterday, Captain Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, said that 1934 was an anxious and buffeted year, but that its closing weeks saw a definite, even startling, improvement in the international outlook. This, in the main, was due to the course of events in Geneva during the specially summoned meeting—one of most momentous in the League's history—at which the Council of the League was confronted with two problems.

COMMODITIES MARKET

The New York Produce Exchange Renamed

New York, To-day.
The New York Produce Exchange will be known solely as the Commodities Market, not later than February 28, as the board of managers has decided to terminate trading in securities, with a view to saving members a heavy yearly operating loss.—Reuter.

CRUISERS BACK FROM EXERCISES

His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions will be held on Monday, January 21, commencing at 10 a.m.

1935 Royal Academy Winter Exhibition Entirely Different

London, To-day.—H. R. H. the Prince of Wales yesterday opened the Winter exhibition of the Royal Academy, which marks an entire new departure. In recent years these exhibitions have been devoted to displays of art treasures of the past. Galleries this year are, however, showing a wide range of modern paintings, sculpture, and architecture, which will be shown in the galleries of the Royal Academy, which will be shown in the galleries of the Royal Academy, which will be shown in the galleries of the Royal Academy.

COURT-ROOM ELECTRIFIED

FATHER IN WITNESS BOX FOR 90 MINUTES

Hauptmann's Rabbit Like Stare

HOUSEHOLD DOUBTS

Flemington, To-day.

Yesterday's hearing of the case of Bruno Hauptmann, the German carpenter, who is on trial for his life in connection with the kidnapping and death of the infant son of Colonel Lindbergh, the famous American airman, was chiefly occupied by the examination and cross-examination of Colonel Lindbergh, who was in the witness-box for an hour and a half.

Counsel for the defence made the startling suggestion that Colonel Lindbergh himself, not the baby, was the kidnappers' real objective, at the same time trying to discredit the trustworthiness of the Lindbergh household.

Counsel for the defence electrified the court-room with the suggestion that Colonel Lindbergh himself "was to have been kidnapped, not the baby."

Colonel Lindbergh spent the morning in the witness-box, including 90 minutes' cross-examination by the defence.

Hauptmann, who was pale and hollow-eyed, kept his eyes fixed on Colonel Lindbergh with a rabbit-like stare.
Counsel for the defence did his utmost to prove that the staff of the Lindbergh household was untrustworthy. Colonel Lindbergh admitted that he did not examine the references of his butler and his wife, also, that it would be possible for anyone in the house to remove the baby through the hall "without him" or his wife seeing.—Reuter.

Voice Recognised

Flemington, Later.
Colonel Lindbergh, giving evidence, said that the voice of the man to whom the ransom of \$50,000 was handed in the Bronx cemetery, New York, was the voice of Hauptmann.—Reuter.

PRINCE HENRY IN NEW ZEALAND

North Island Tour Completed

London, To-day.
H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester and Earl of Kent, who accompanied Prince Henry, Duke of Kent, on his tour of New Zealand, and returned to Wellington this morning, were met at the airport by the Governor-General, Sir George Grey, and the Premier, Mr. Gordon Coates.

MAIL SCHEDULES

The Postmaster General announces that as from 1st November the Parcel Post rates to the United Kingdom will be reduced to—

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BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES, 1935.

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1934.

New Licences for 1935 will be available at the Government Radio Office, P. & O. Building, as from 1st January, 1935 and will be issued from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. against the receipt of a remittance of \$10.00.

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- (a) personally,
(b) by messenger,
(c) by post.

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Rawalpindi Jan. 10

FROM JAPAN

Emp. of Japan Jan. 5
Tobu Maru 5
Brisbane Maru 6
Pres. Taft 7
Tango Maru 10
Talyo Maru 10
Tantalus 10
Ranchi 11
Pres. MacKinley 11

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Japan Jan. 5
Pres. Taft 7

FROM SHANGHAI

Emp. of Japan Jan. 5
Pres. Taft 7
Talyo Maru 10
Tantalus 10
Ranchi 11

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Conte Rosso (Air Mail ex Imperial Service) Jan. 5
Sirdhana 8
Fenang Maru 9

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Burdwan (via Marseilles) Jan. 5
Clases Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Rawalpindi (via Suez) 10

FOR SHANGHAI

Conte Rosso Jan. 5

FOR MANILA

Emp. of Japan Jan. 5
Pres. Taft 8
Tjisadane 8

FOR AUSTRALIA

Brisbane Maru (via Brisbane) Jan. 5

FOR STRAITS

Burdwan Jan. 5

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and post-cards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given, above unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

AIR MAIL—Imperial Airways via Singapore, Bandoeng-Amsterdam via Singapore, Saigon-Marseilles via Saigon. Correspondence for Europe and intermediate countries will be accepted for transmission by these Services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the General Post Office and Kowloon.

The Woman's Page

The Mirror

Requisition Of Being Well-Dressed

English management of the mirror is sadly lacking. There is no feel for mirrors, chiefly owing to the Victorian or perhaps Puritanical conception that mirrors were satanic—a conception based, maybe, on the still remoter idea that to make a representation of someone was a deadly and dangerous sin.

The Briton has learnt to be vain, but he and she still both regard the mirror as something decorative, despicable, useless—anything, in short, but utilitarian. French and Italians revel in the mirror. The mirror is distinctive of the French and Italian restaurant, if only because it makes smaller premises look larger. There is never a French wardrobe without its full-length mirror, whereas in the English variety the mirror is often hidden shame-facedly on the inside of the wardrobe with a door that refuses to stay open unless propped up by a chair.

French and Italians realise that to look at one's front face is not to see if one is properly dressed. The English only now are awkwardly realising that to be well dressed a view of the whole is necessary and preferably from several angles. In English houses it is half the time impossible to get the final glimpse which—shows—that one is tidy. Small mirrors are skied—obviously not for use. Where there are large mirrors these are ostentatiously to be in the new mode, and are not for mere human beings.

And so English people are ever trying to secure surreptitious glimpses in shop windows or in the new chromium steel to see whether hair and heels are tidy, which is too often not the case. The mirror, the full-length mirror, is a necessity, and more than ever now vanity in every quarters has become a virtue.

REMOVING STAINS

Stale bread for removing grease stains should be used with care. It is often so hard and dry that it scratches the surface. A paste of fuller's earth or magnesia will often do the job.

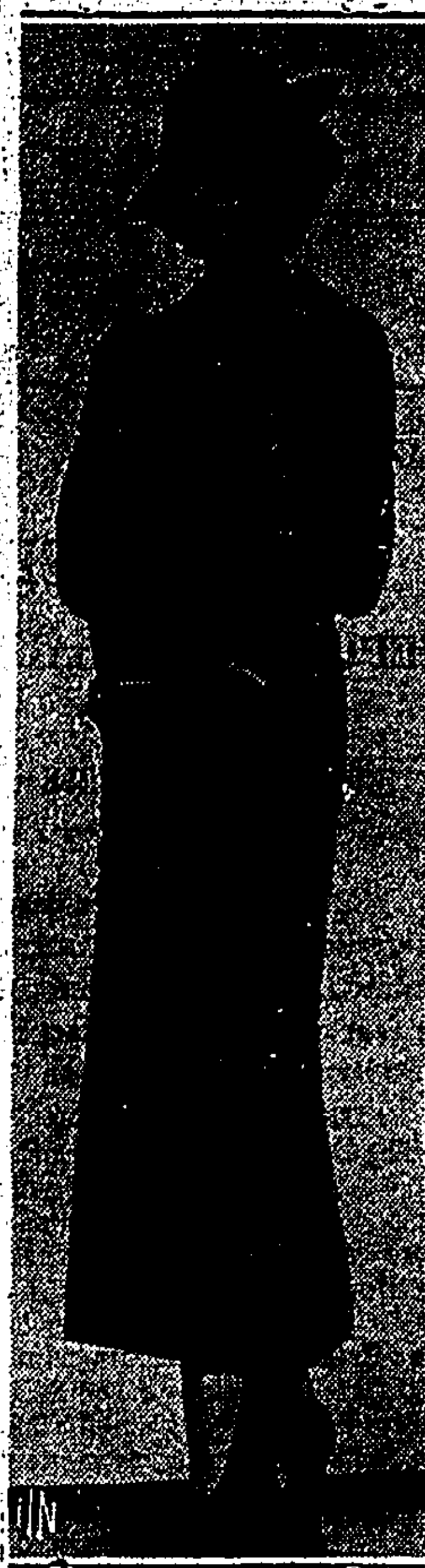
This should be left on the stain until it is quite dry, and great care must be taken in removing the paste to avoid scratching the surface underneath. Paintwork needs to be treated with much respect, as most of us know to our cost. No abrasive should be used, or soda, as these will remove the paint. Sugar soap is the best assistant in cleaning paint of all kinds.

This should only be used in the proportions recommended, as too strong a mixture will take off the paint. If the paint is old and worn, a little furniture cream brings up a good polish, and also protects the surface.

CHIN STREAMLINE

ONE way of keeping the chin streamline is to massage the flesh towards the ears with a firm movement of the fingers of both hands which have been liberally covered with a cream of wool fat and cucumbers.

Office. All letters etc., must be marked "By Air Mail" and handed in at the General Post Office. Unless superscribed for despatch by a special air mail service, correspondence will be forwarded by the first service available.



An elegant hand-knitted gown of green engorga with beige trim from the personal wardrobe of Rochelle Hudson, youth screen star. Adding a clever sports hat of hunter green and green suede gloves, pocket book and slippers, the wearer is fitting clothed for any sports occasion.

HIP REDUCING EXERCISES

DIET SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

One of the questions a beauty editor had to answer most frequently is how to reduce the hips.

In the first place, learning to stand correctly with no hollow in your back will take a couple of inches off your hips. After you have mastered that art and there still is an evident excess of weight about your hips, the thing to do is to consider a diet and some exercises.

Cut out starches, desserts and candy. Substitute fresh vegetables for the starches and fresh and stewed fruits for the pastry and candy. Be sure and drink ten glasses of water each day. Try and drink two glasses just before (not with) each meal.

There are several exercises which help to get rid of extra weight about the hips. Probably one of the best is known as the rolling exercise.

Lie flat on your back on the floor with your hands clasped together high above your head. See that your hips are planted firmly against the floor.

Keeping your shoulders in place, roll your hips from one side to the other. Do it slowly and repeat the exercise twenty or thirty times each night.

Stick to your diet and keep up the exercise and in a few months you'll begin to notice the difference in the size of your hips.

OLD LONDON "CRISIS" IN NEEDLEWORK

London. Customs associated with more picturesque days die hard. Memories of those ampler times may be introduced into the most modern setting in the form of tapestry.

Faithful reproductions of the famous "Crises of Old London," by F. Wheatley, R.A., may now be had ready trammed for work with the necessary wools to complete, and would make exquisite pictures or firecreens when framed.

"Turnips and Carrots ho," "Sweet Lavender," "Round and sound, fivepence a pound, duke cherries," and "Sweet China Oranges," some of the titles available, give an idea of the colour possibilities and delightful effects to be achieved by the skilful worker.

MID-WINTER HATS ARE NARROW

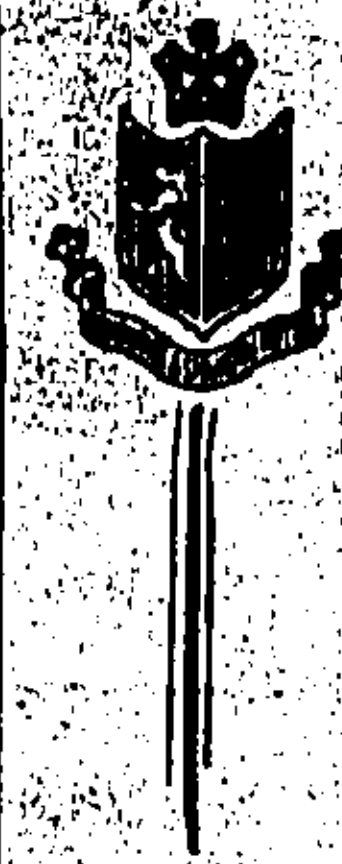
HATS are now growing narrow, possibly as a protest against the ubiquitous pill-box shape. There is a suggestion of the chef's head-dress in the elongated model in dark plum-coloured velvet with fluted crown and tiny eye veil. Another model is in black fur, and more of the busby type. This is a change from the more circular Cossack style.



GUIDANCE FOR SHE WHO WOULD BE CHIC

COMING in: Black, toques, pearls worn with black, big muffs, robes-de-style, old-fashioned gestures, earrings in daytime, Florodora: black silk stockings, paler finger-nails, tortoise-shell clips, tip-pets, more bangs, gold wedding rings, plum-coloured grandmother's jewellery, taffeta day dresses, divided skirts in the country, strapless brassieres.

Going out: Berets, elastic holding on the lone fox slung over a shoulder, long dressy coats, tiaras, beige gloves, plain flat crepe dresses, pale-coloured tweeds, blue underwear, shoulder corsages.



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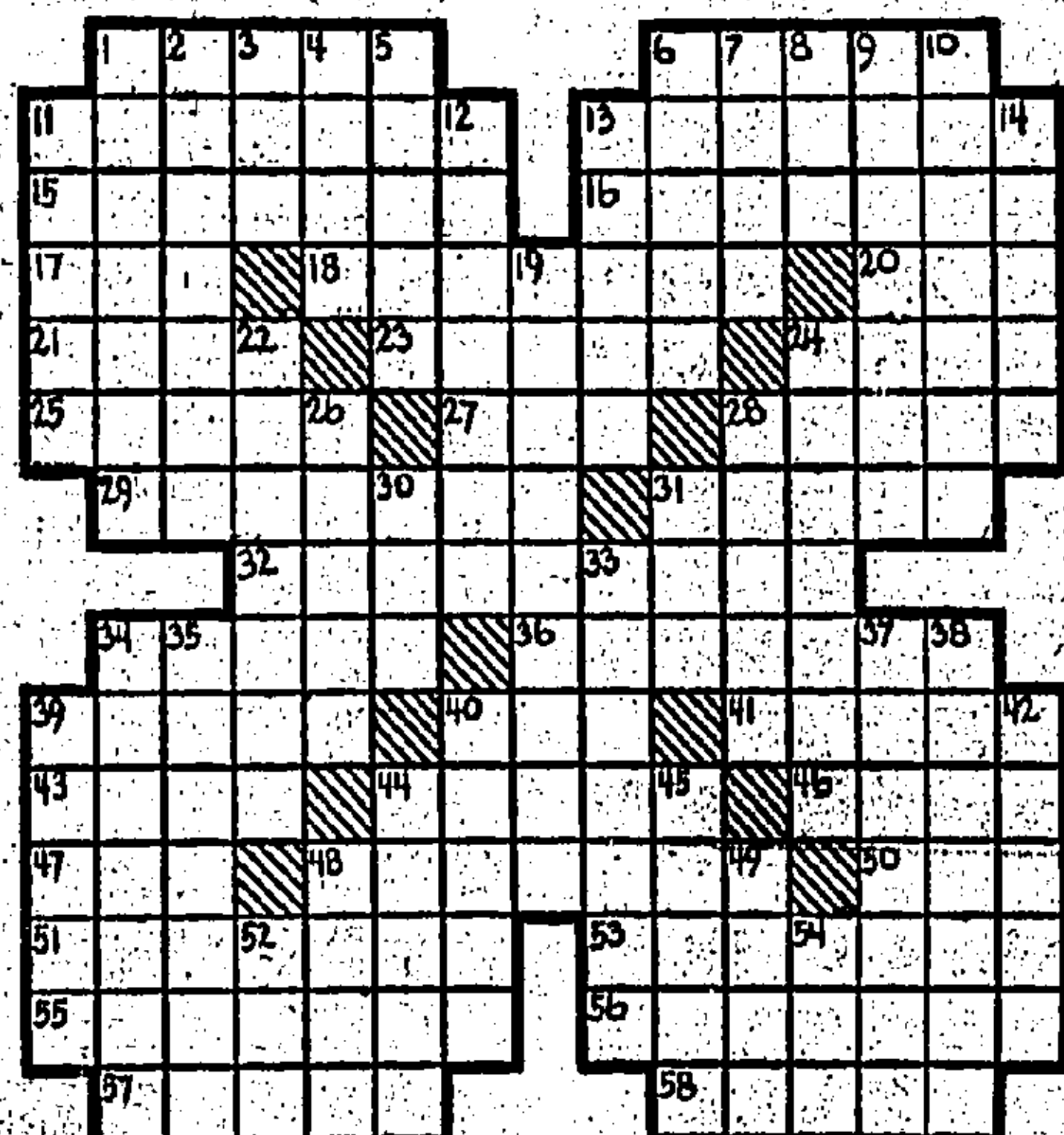
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—Recently married woman. | 47—Bring forth young, as a goat. | 14—Clothed. |
| 6—Bring happiness to. | 48—Ravens. | 19—Feeling. |
| 11—Those who blame. | 49—Five hundred six (Rom.). | 22—Those who run away and marry. |
| 13—Corrugated. | 51—That which remains. | 24—The state of being dry. |
| 15—Barricade. | 52—Revived. | 25—Small branch of flowers. |
| 16—Brighter. | 53—Tracks. | 26—Herb of the mustard family. |
| 17—To recede, as the tide. | 54—Small Dutch coin (pl.). | 30—Parrot. |
| 18—Causes. | 57—Jeer. | 31—Grand Treasurer (abbr.). |
| 20—Before. | 58—Odors (Obs.). | 32—A vessel for burning incense (pl.). |
| 21—Competent. | | 34—Gazera. |
| 23—Dread (Scott. Var.). | VERTICAL | 35—Mechanic. |
| 24—A beverage (pl.). | 1—Tattled. | 37—More in want. |
| 25—Part of a ship (pl.). | 2—Wanderer. | 38—Stone-carvers. |
| 27—Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.). | 3—Mischievous child. | 39—Begin. |
| 28—A heraldic device. | 4—Darling. | 40—Scare. |
| 29—A little drop. | 5—Made a mistake. | 42—Possessive of Enid. |
| 31—Griffin. | 6—A burning stick. | 44—More lucid. |
| 32—Foretold. | 7—Part of the mouth (pl.). | 45—The muse of lyric poetry (Class. Myth.). |
| 34—To perspire freely. | 8—Emperor (abbr.). | 46—Move swiftly. |
| 35—Mixing in a disorderly way. | 9—Talked (slang). | 48—Slipped. |
| 39—Tale. | 10—Feminine of seer. | 49—Point of compass (abbr.). |
| 40—Lair. | 11—Rend. | 54—Fifty-six (Rom.). |
| 41—Cubic unit of metric measure. | 12—Adorned with stars. | |
| 42—Sailors (colloq.). | 13—A body of trained singers. | |
| 44—Meaning. | | |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

HOMESPUN SPORTS SUIT

London. Cumberland homespun has been selected by Princess Marina for an interesting sports suit. It is in five-colour checks, beige, blue, red, yellow and black.

A gay little red patent leather belt matches the buttons on the skirt. The tuck-in blouse of beige wool crepe has an interesting neckline and is finished with a pocket.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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RATE	ALL TALE
ATTEST	ERASER
BERE	ERIE SEN
NILE	DOE
ADD	ASK PET
N	LATTICE
THE	TON NAP
ASS	REPT
ARG	EVEN
RELATE	ASTERS
ANEW	NIB
NOTE	QATS
	ERSE

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St. David	877
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Mainland

Feet	
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Amusements

Cinema Notes

"CRADLE SONG"—KING'S THEATRE

Dorothea Wieck, the German actress, makes her debut in Hollywood pictures in Paramount's "Cradle Song," now at the King's Theatre.

Miss Wieck, who created a sensation in the German film, "Maedchen in Uniform," gives a remarkable spiritual performance, and is ideally cast as the nun—"Sister Joanna"—who finds an infant on the convent doorstep and is allowed to adopt her. The foundling grows to womanhood and falls in love.

The detailed life in the convent is most interesting with the ritual and routine, and the background of the story, laid in Spain, is a most colourful one.

The supporting cast includes Louise Dresser as the Prioress, Sir Guy Standing as the Convent Doctor, Evelyn Venable, who is most suited to the role of the innocent fresh young girl who brings so much joy to "Sister Joanna," Kent Taylor, Nydia Westman, Gertrude Michael and Georgia Calne.

"DAMES"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

An all-star cast, supported by 300 of Hollywood's most beautiful girls, are featured in Warner Brothers' musical extravaganza, "Dames," the Alhambra Theatre's New Year offering.

Outstanding in the cast are Joan Blondell, Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler, Guy Kibbee, Zasu Pitts and Hugh Herbert.

The story, by the well-known playwrights, Robert Lord and Delmer Daves, is a hilarious comedy tinged with a glamorous romance. It treats of a somewhat hypocritical and highly eccentric multi-millionaire whose chief concern in life is other people's morals, but who eventually gets drunk on enough medicine and is taken for a "ride" by a gold digging chorus girl.

Berkeley, who created and staged the ensemble for "42nd Street," "Gold Diggers of 1933," "Footlight Parade," and "Wonder Bar" has something spectacular in this new production.

The romantic interest is furnished by Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler.

"MERRY WIDOW"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

All the famous songs of the Franz Lehár masterpiece, "Merry Widow," are presented in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical romance of the same name, featuring Maurice Chevalier and Jeannette MacDonald, now at the Queen's Theatre.

The hauntingly romantic "Villa" is sung by Miss MacDonald, as are "To-night Will Teach Me to Forget," "Melody for Laughter" and "Widows are Gay." Chevalier's songs include "I'm Going to Maxim's" and "Girls, Girls, Girls." Together, Miss MacDonald and Chevalier sing "The Merry Widow Waltz." A male chorus renders "We'll Go to Cafe De Paris."

In addition, the Franz Lehár music in its original form embellishes the "Can-Can" ballet at Maxim's, the Marshovian ballet, the huge Albertina Rasch waltz ballet and other spectacular details.

Chevalier and Miss MacDonald head a huge cast which includes Edward Everett Horton, Una Merkel, George Barbier, Sterling Holloway, Donald Meek and Herman Bing.

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SAVING THE CHARM OF HAMPSTEAD

Town Planning Schemes

Speaking at the annual banquet of the Hampstead Licensed Victuallers, the Mayor of Hampstead, Mr. B. S. Townroe, said Hampstead was quickly changing, but fortunately the whole of the borough was covered by four town-planning schemes.

The first scheme protested Hampstead's most prized possession, the heath and its surroundings. It had passed through all its stages and was now effective. Already the erection of large blocks of flats near the heath had been stopped. The three other schemes were still in the interim development stage, allowing for a greater degree of elasticity, and it was necessary to exercise incessant vigilance to prevent estate developers coming into Hampstead and erecting one and two-roomed tenements, misnamed "inexpensive flats-de-luxe."

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"THE BOWERY"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"The Bowery" bridged the roaring romance of New York in the '80's and '90's with its famous characters, including Chuck Connors, Steve Brodie and Swipes.

The story is powerfully told with Wallace Berry, George Raft and Jackie Cooper in the leading roles. Fay Wray has the part of lucky Calhoun, rescued from the white slavers, while others in the cast are George Walsh, Pert Kelton and Lillian Harmer.

"LADY KILLER"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

"Lady Killer," a melodrama featuring James Cagney and Mae Clarke, is Warner Brothers' current release at the Oriental Theatre.

The picture, based on a story written by Rosalind Keating Shaffer, is a satire on America's film colony, relating to the astounding rise to screen fame of an ex-crook by a unique publicity stunt.

Miss Clarke and Cagney, who give superb characterisations, are supported by Margaret Lindsay.

"AFFAIRS OF A GENTLEMAN"—STAR THEATRE

"Affairs of a Gentleman" is a murder mystery film starring Paul Lukas, who has its premier Colony showing at the Star Theatre. Paul Lukas plays the role of an author who makes the woman in his life his national catastrophe. A "The supporting cast includes Dorothy Burgess, Patricia Ellis, Lella Noyes and Raynold Harlow."

BRIDGE NOTES

Showing Strength By Bids

by Ely Culbertson.

"But I had passed three honour-tricks and I had to show you the strength of my hand," was the remark of a rather inept player to her partner after playing the hand below in the absurd contract of four notrump. She thought she was using the four-notrump bid in its conventional meaning of showing two Aces and the King of a bid suit, but her partner construed it as simply making a possible game practically impossible. In further extension of her unusual bid, the lady continued: "I had support for both your suits and I never thought you would drop me."

Perhaps South, her partner on this unfortunate occasion, should have bid five clubs, which could have been made, but to him it was amazing that North could have passed the opening bid and then, without either supporting a suit or showing one of her own, jump to four notrump. Slightly afraid of such unusual things, he decided to pass.

The hand was:
North, Dealer
East and West vulnerable

NORTH:
S—K 9 8 7
H—A
D—A 10 7
C—Q J 9 7 4

EAST:
S—6 4 3 2
H—Q J 9 7 6
D—9 5 4 3
C—

WEST:
S—A
H—10 8 5 4 3 2
D—K J 7
C—10 6 5

SOUTH:
S—Q J 10 6
H—K
D—Q 8 2
C—A K 8 2 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

North: East South West
Pass (1) Pass 1 C (2) Pass
2NT (3) Pass 3 S (4) Pass
4NT (5) Pass Pass (6) Pass

1—North should not have passed this hand. The correct opening bid is one club.

2—South's hand is barely more than a minimum but fully comes up to the requirements for an opening bid.

3—North, having passed an opening bid, is in some difficulty in finding a good call at this point. She chooses the fairly strong bid of two notrump rather than showing immediate support for the clubs.

4—Of course, South is not interested in notrump with his distribution, and now bids the shaded spade suit, hoping to find an advantageous spot to play the hand.

5—Having support for both suits bids by her partner, North now makes another strong, but very bad, bid.

6—Completely at sea as to exactly what is happening, South decides to pass.

The result, when the battle was over, was that North and South had taken seven tricks and East and West six. In other words, the four-notrump contract was defeated three tricks.

The hand plays best at five clubs, which cannot be defeated. A four-spade contract would be set if a club were opened by West, allowing East to trump it; but even a four-spade contract, though unsuccessful, could not be criticized. But a notrump contract had no chance to succeed.

Had North's subsequent bidding been correct, she would not have suffered at all from her unbalanced original pass of a strong hand. She was fortunate in that her partner opened the bidding and gave her a chance to show her real values; but she should not have attempted to correct her error by such a contradictory bid as four notrump.

The best bids by all concerned would have been: (Figure after bid refers to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

North: East South West
1 C A Pass 1 S (1) Pass
2 S Pass 2 C Pass
3 S Pass 3 S Pass
4 S Pass 4 S Pass

South does not wish to give the full number of values in clubs.

DEATH OF "SEM"

His Caricature-Satires Of Famous People

The world-famous caricaturist "Sem," whose real name was Gourast, died at his home last month.

"Sem" was born 71 years ago at Perigueux, in the south of France. He was one of the most biting caricaturists of Parisian and Riviera society of pre-war days, and there was no international celebrity in the diplomatic, political, or sporting world who escaped the satire of his pencil.

Before the war he often visited England—he held an exhibition of his works in London in 1908—but of late years he had remained in Paris.

His albums contained caricatures of almost every crowned head in Europe, among them being the late King Edward, with whom he was on terms of close friendship.

"I never draw from life," "Sem" once said. "I watch and I listen, and then I go away into solitude gradually to await the crystallization of an impression in my brain. Sometimes I have made anything between 80 and 100 different drawings of the same subject, each drawn from a slightly different position."

TRAGEDY OF LOST BEAUTY

Disappointment And Suicide

Mrs. Rigby, the wife of a retired colliery manager, came to London from Nuneaton to have beauty treatment.

She had an incision under the eyes and an injection on both sides of the nose, but she was disappointed in the results of the treatment.

She gassed herself in her room at a London hotel and the coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, said at the inquest at Paddington.

Thornycroft. This craft will be "It is a dreadful tragedy that a woman should take her life because she is dissatisfied with her personal appearance. She was apparently absorbed in this vanity, and could not grow old gracefully and accept quietly the ravages of time."

He recorded a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind.

The husband, Mr. Harold Rigby, said his wife, who was 61, was rather sensitive about her appearance. He understood that she had come to London from a Mr. Bell, the result of which was a great disappointment.

CHURCH AND SLUMS IN ENGLAND

Sir John W. Lorden was the principal speaker at a demonstration organized by the National Federation of Property Owners and Ratepayers, held last month at Central Hall, Westminster.

He declared that some of the worst slums in England were owned by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Yet we see a great churchman, the Archbishop of Canterbury, say: "Do away with the slums. The slums are a national disgrace. The slums are a national disgrace. The slums are a national disgrace."

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programmes will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.R.W. on a wave length of 255 metres (845 K.C.A.):—

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).
1.30 p.m.—Battar Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Dance Music from Hong Kong Hotel.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-12 midnight—European Programme.

7 p.m.—London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations.
7.05-7.40 p.m.—La Valse (Ravel).
Ballet Egyptian Suite (Ligeti).
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

7.40-8.30 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Duets—
1 Cover the Waterfront.
Mood Indigo.
Layton and Johnstone.

Piano Solos—
Can't we talk it over.
Now that you're gone.
Carroll Gibbons.
Vocal—Shuffle off to Buffalo.
You're getting to be a Habit with me.
Band—

Irving Berlin Waltz Songs.
Instrumental—
Tobacco (Love's Dream).
The Blue Danube.
Vocal Goss—Old Times.
Instrumental—

Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl—Walls.
8.30-9.03 p.m.—Band Music.
Rakety Manky (Paraphrase of Faust) (arr. Goss).
Rakety March (Strauss, Op. 228).
Nell Gwyn Dances (Edward German).
Humoresque (Dvorak).
Marching with Sousa.

Entry of the Gladiators—March.
(Fuchs).
Songs of the Brave—March (Bridgford).
9.03-9.30 p.m.—Scottish Selections.
Songs—
O sing to me the old Scotch Songs (Lasson).
Ye banks and Braes (arr. Lees).
Joseph Hishop (Tenor).

Band—
Reminiscences of Scotland (arr. Godfrey).
Songs—
Wee Willie Winkie (Robertson).
There's nae luck about the House (arr. Macpherson).
Boyd Steven (Soprano).

Songs—
Bonnie wee thing (Fox).
MacGregor's Gathering (Lee).
Joseph Hishop (Tenor).
9.30 p.m.—Battar Press Bulletin, London 1 p.m.: Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.35-12 midnight—A Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).
10.30 p.m.—Battar Press Bulletin, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

12 midnight—Close own.

FRIED EGG LEADS TO COURT

Way Of Expressing Disapproval

An egg led to a summons at Woking police court recently.

The plaintiff was Leonard Herbert Nind, grocer, of Pirbright, Surrey. He said: "The defendant walked into my shop holding in his hand a fried egg, on a plate, and asked me if I was going to change this egg. I replied: 'No.' He then threw the egg straight at me, and though I tried to dodge it, the plate hit me on the ear."

The defendant, Frederick Neville Mead Syrove, commercial traveller, of Brook House, Pirbright, said: "The plaintiff sold my wife an egg, which smelt so strongly when it was fried that she had to open the kitchen window. Nind struck me first, and I threw the plate at his face in the ensuing scuffle."

The bench, in view of the conflicting evidence, dismissed the case.

FIRST SURGEON TO STITCH HEART

(Professor Giovanni Veto, a well-known Italian surgeon and one of the first surgeons in Europe to practice the stitching of the heart, has died in his villa at Romano D'Isola, in the Province of Pavia. During his forty years' career as a surgeon he is said to have performed 60,000 operations.)

because a three-notrump contract was made, and one of the players made a mistake in the bidding, and the game was lost. The game was lost. The game was lost.

SPORTING PAGE

SHIELD FOOTBALL TAKES PRIDE OF PLACE DURING THIS WEEK-END

NAVY SHOULD BEAT CLUB IN RUGBY SERIES

GAME THAT MAY DECIDE TITLE

FAST THREE QUARTER LINE FEARED TOO STRONG FOR CIVILIANS

This afternoon's Rugby Triangular Tournament clash between the Club and the Navy on the former's ground, will have an important bearing on the result of the tournament. The Navy, conceded a vast superiority over the Army, have so far been unbeaten, although they have only met the Club.

If any team can lower the Navy's colours this season it is the Club, but their task this afternoon will be a very difficult one for several changes have been made in the side, the pack in particular.

Munro's Return To Pack

Bradford is still on the injured list with water-on-the-knee, but his place is being filled by a worthy successor in Cumming. Munro has been brought back into the pack as a wing-forward, where he should be more than useful.

The Navy have made several changes in the team in all departments, and will start firm favourites, their three-quarter line being one of the fastest seen for several seasons.

Navy—Lieut. Cheyne (Olympus); Lieut. Curry (Cornwall); A. B. Marsh (Suffolk); Surg. Lieut. Benson (Medway) and Lieut. S. C. Ford (Orpheus); Lieut. Clark (Duncan) and Lieut. Forbes (Phoenix); Lieut. Sowerman (Kent); E. R. A. Galloway (Cornwall); Lieut. Evans (Suffolk); Lieut. Comdr. Whitfield (Falmouth); Comdr. Roome (Medway); E. A. Hammett (Phoenix); Lieut. Kelburne (Falmouth) and Comdr. Or-Ewing (Tamar).

PAUL 'GOOFY' DEAN TAKES A BRIDE

Cardinal Twirler Married

Russellville, Ark., Dec. 20. Paul "Goofy" Dean, 21, youngest of the famed Dean brother-hurling combine of the St. Louis Cardinals, today married 19-year-old Dorothy Sandusky.

Paul, entering his second season in the major leagues, has yet to learn what his salary will be in 1935. However, most observers don't believe the youngster will encounter very much difficulty in getting a raise in pay.

In his first season as a "bigtime" hurler, Paul hurled the only no-hit, no-run game in the major leagues in 1934. He also won two of the four games (Dixie won the other two) by which the Red Birds became world's baseball champions.

WOMEN'S GOLF INTERNATIONAL

The women's international golf match, England v. France, will be played at Worpleston on June 22.



F. D. Amr Bey turned down a U.S.\$15,000 offer to turn professional tennis player, but is now faced with a U.S.\$20,000 offer.

AMR BEY'S SQUASH RECORD

Egyptian "Master" Unbeaten

ONLY AMATEUR TO HOLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

F. D. Amr Bey, the young Egyptian master of squash rackets, has "no more worlds to conquer" in the athletic field in which he has made his country pre-eminent.

This fact lies behind his decision not to defend his amateur title this month. For this year at least he will "give it a miss."

These are the facts influencing Amr Bey's resolve:

He has won the Amateur Championship three times—the last twice with ease.

Recently renewed his Open Championship, which he will have held for three years.

He is the only amateur ever to hold the Open Championship. He has played—and beaten—all the amateurs in this year's competition.

Next Year—Perhaps

That being so, he has decided—that someone else shall become champion without having to tackle Amr Bey. The result will not now be a foregone conclusion.

Amr is by no means retiring from the game. He will keep in training by private practice and will continue to play matches for the Royal Automobile Club.

Maybe he will be after the championship again next year.

OPEN AND AMATEUR U.S. GOLF TITLES

Assn. Announce Dates

The United States Golf Association have announced that the 1935 Open Championship be played at Pittsburgh on June 5, 7 and 8, and the national amateur at Cleveland, in the week commencing on September 9.

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for January 5, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The Open championship will be played over Oakmont course and the Amateur at the Country Club—Associated Press.

COCHET RETURNS HOME AFTER ILLNESS

After a month's convalescence in the south of France, Henri Cochet, who has been ill, has returned home.

TO-NIGHT'S BOXING

PRANDY IS FAVOURED FOR COLONY TITLE

DEE'S EXPERIENCE SHOULD MAKE EVEN BOUT

Appleby Faces Hard Hitting German

ANGLO-AMERICAN FIGHT PROMISES "FIREWORKS"

(By "RINGSIDER")

The featherweight Championship of the Colony, between A. B. Prandy of H.M.S. Kent and Stoker Dee of H.M.S. Phoenix, will feature the international card of six bouts, which are being staged at the Lee Theatre to-night under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

In addition, Max Brilka, a German welterweight who has met the best in his class in Germany, England, and in the Far East, meets A. B. Appleby of H.M.S. Pandora, in a 10 rounds welterweight contest, while the last item on the programme, a six rounds welterweight contest between A. B. Robinson of H.M.S. Medway and Mel Hermes of the U.S.S. Mindanao, is likely to be one of the "highlights" of the night's entertainment.

Evenly Matched

Prandy who beat Signalman Leslie on a technical knock-out in their encounter of a fortnight ago, is one of the finest featherweight boxers seen in the Colony for the last 10 years, but he will have to produce his best to secure the title against Stoker Dee, who, although he was beaten by Stoker Mickey Pryall for the lightweight championship, is a very good man and will take plenty of punishment.

Dee, now almost a veteran, has still plenty of punch left in him, and it will take Prandy's best to stave off a defeat from a more experienced boxer.

Prandy actually will have the advantage of a longer reach, and those who witnessed his fight a fortnight ago know what punishment he can mete out.

The bout should go the full distance with the odds on Prandy, who will start with the advantage of youth, speed, and experience in the later school.

German's Fine Record

Max Brilka, the German welterweight is probably one of the finest men in his class seen locally for some time. Packing a terrific punch in both hands, he will be a stiff proposition for Appleby, who is no novice, having fought Jack Hood to a draw.

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The programme is as follows:—
15-ROUND CONTEST FOR FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
A. B. Prandy (H.M.S. Kent) Featherweight Championship Royal Navy and Royal Marines v. Stoker Dee (H.M.S. Phoenix) Bantam and Featherweight Championships of Cornwall.

10-ROUND WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST
Max Brilka (Germany) v. A. B. Appleby (H.M.S. Pandora).

6-ROUND WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST
A. B. Wingrave (H.M.S. Medway) v. A. B. Fancey (H.M.S. Medway).

6-ROUND MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST
Corporal Fitzgerald (H.M.S. Kent) v. A. B. Clarke (H.M.S. Medway).

6-ROUND WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST
A. B. Parker (H.M.S. Medway) v. P. O. Davis (H.M.S. Kent).

6-ROUND WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST
A. B. Robinson (H.M.S. Medway) v. Mel Hermes (Seaman 1st Class U.S.S. Mindanao).

OWEN SMITH CROCKED

H. G. Owen-Smith, the England Rugby full-back, is not likely to play again this season as the result of a knee injury sustained when playing against Oxford recently.



A. B. Parker of the Medway will be meeting P. O. Davis of the Kent at the Lee Theatre to-night.

MEDIEVAL KNIGHT FOR AUSTRALIA

Derby Trial Stakes Winner To Go To The Stud

Acting on behalf of Mr. Percy Miller, of the Kia Ora Stud, New South Wales, Mr. Clarence Halley has purchased the three-year-old Medieval Knight from Mr. John Dewar.

The colt will shortly be shipped to Australia. A few weeks ago Mr. Dewar sold his other useful three-year-old, Lo Zingaro also to go to stud in Australia.

By Guy-Grainger, out of Hasty Love, by Hurry On out of Love Oil, Medieval Knight failed this year to run up to the form shown as a juvenile.

He won the Derby Trial Stakes at Lingfield Park in May and the Jersey Stakes at Ascot, but he disappointed in the Guineas and failed to stay after making the running for a mile in the Derby.

As a two-year-old, Medieval Knight won five of his seven races and was rated second best of the colts, 8lb. behind Colombo.

The Middle Park Stakes and Coventry Stakes at Ascot were his most important successes.

BRITISH RUNNERS FOR NEW ZEALAND

Leaving Melbourne After Games

Wellington (N. Z.). The British athletes, A. Murdoch (Glasgow University), G. L. Rampling (Milecastle A. C.), J. V. Powell (London A. C.), and H. M. Craske (South London Harriers), who are to compete in the Centenary championships in Melbourne, are also to visit New Zealand.

They arrive at Wellington on February 18, and will leave for England on March 6.

A New Zealand team will be competing against the British runners in the Centenary championships.

WEST INDIES TEST MATCH DATES

The M.C.C. cricket team which is to tour the West Indies will play four Test matches: Barbados, January 7; Trinidad, January 24; Demerara, February 14; Jamaica, March 14.

INTERNATIONAL GOALKEEPER

James Lawrence, the former Newcastle United and Scotland, goalkeeper, who was a member of the English Cup-winning team of 1910, died suddenly in the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, on January 3, 1935. He was formerly a time manager of Preston North End.

SOUTH CHINA TASK

NAVY ALL OUT TO REGAIN TITLE AFTER 14 YEARS

SAINTS MAY UPSET "B" ELEVEN IN EVEN GAME

Navy Junior Defence Unchallenged

GOOD FOOTBALL EXPECTED TO-MORROW

(By "ROVER")

The South China Athletic Association, who have won the Senior Shield on three occasions and who were defeated by the South Wales Borders in last year's final, meet the Royal Navy in their First Round clash to-morrow when a splendid game is anticipated.

The Navy's last success was recorded as far back as 1921 when H.M.S. Titania secured the trophy.

The Navy are a force to be reckoned with and South China will be fully represented by their "A" team.

This afternoon there are three Senior League clashes and seven Junior League ties.

Saints May Win

South China "B," who are at home to St. Joseph's, are faced with a very difficult task, for the Saints have improved a hundredfold and are almost back to their last year's strength when they all but won the League championship.

Hartridge and Beatty among the forward, Addis at right-half, and Dellar at left-back, have caused a new enthusiasm to spring up in the team, and the Saints will commence this afternoon almost on the same footing as their Chinese rivals.

The Club, who meet the Fusiliers, are in the unfortunate position of having to play their home fixture before the Triangular Rugby Tournament game between the Club and the Navy, but, in spite of having to play so soon after tiffin, they will start favourites.

The Fusiliers have not quite settled down, but are steadily improving.

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WEEK-END FORECAST

The following is "Rover's" week-end soccer forecast, giving the favoured team in capital letters:—

To-day

CLUB v. Fusiliers (Club Ground, 2.30 p.m.)
E. LANCs v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
S. China "B" v. ST. JOSEPH'S (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

NAVY v. Kowloon (Navy, 2.30 p.m.)
E. LANCs v. Club (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
ARTILLERY v. Fusiliers (Military H.V., 2.30 p.m.)
R.A.O.C. v. SOUTH CHINA (Caroline Hill)

RECREO v. POLICE (King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)
UNIVERSITY v. R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v. Fusiliers (Military H.V., 4 p.m.)

To-morrow

NAVY v. S. CHINA "A" (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
POLICE v. LINCOLNS (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
JUNIOR SHIELD v. LINCOLNS (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

SHANGHAI INTERPORT TRIAL

The Shanghai Interport soccer trial was postponed from January 2 until January 19, 1935, with the understanding of circumstances, including the visit of the North China team to Shanghai during that period.



Chung Fai Lum will be playing against the Saints in to-day's Shield game.

FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

British Clubs Are Approached

TOUR DURING CLOSE SEASON

Manchester City, Portsmouth, Aston Villa and Leicester City have all been sounded about a tour in South Africa during the next close season.

A South African soccer official went to Great Britain recently specially to extend the invitations. He is due back in South Africa shortly to tell of the results of his trip.

Perhaps neither of the four clubs have made up their minds yet. One or two financial facts may help them.

Motherwell, the last British football team to tour the Dominion to receive the balance of £1,250 as their share of the profits of the tour.

Accounts from some of the outlying districts have been rather slow in coming to hand. That is the final figure. The South African authorities raked in more than £1,500 clear profit.

Is it any wonder that they want to get more prominent teams over there on tour?

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GOLF PROFESSIONAL'S NEW APPOINTMENT

James Adams, golf professional to the Royal County Down Club, Newcastle, Ireland, has been appointed to a similar post with the Romford Club, Essex. He was a Scottish international at 22, and one of the leaders in the qualifying rounds of the British Open Championship last year.

RECREO HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Recreo against H.K.S.R.A. on Monday, on the King's Park ground at 5 p.m. sharp:

H. Britto; A. A. dos Remedios and A. M. Rodrigues; J. Gonsalves, W. A. Reet and P. Nolasco da Silva; A. A. B. Botelho; A. M. Xavier; H. A. Alves, N. Beltrao and B. Gosano.

The following will play against St. Andrew's next Thursday on the latter's ground at 5 p.m.:

H. Britto; A. A. dos Remedios and A. M. Rodrigues; A. A. B. Botelho; J. Gonsalves and P. N. da Silva; G. Guterres, A. M. Xavier, A. V. Gosano, N. Beltrao and B. Gosano.

But before flying back to his oil properties, Wentz divulged some figures which may, or may not have had an important bearing. They were figures never before disclosed, showing the comparative drying power of the Canadian tar sands and against the same found abroad.

In every instance save one, Cincinnati—the Cardinals played to far larger crowds during the past season away from home than they did at Sportsman's Park. The Cincinnati crowd of 75,850, no doubt little known to the Cardinals.

H.K. LADIES ARE FAVOURED TO BEAT "Y" TEAM

SAINTS SHOULD NOT DROP POINTS

Easy Game For C.B.A. Despite Improvement By C. B. S. Defence

The Hong Kong Ladies, champions of the Caer Clark Cup Hockey League are expected to take another step towards retaining the Cup for their eighth successive season when they meet the "Y" Ladies at Sookunpoo this afternoon.

After their decisive win over the Central British Association Ladies last Saturday, the champions will have little to fear from their opponents, who, despite an all-round strengthening in the attack, have found that their intermediate line and backs have not fared as well as was expected.

Miss Fowler and Miss Wilson will be hard to pass, but the champions' forwards play well together and have beaten the best defences in the tournament to date.

The teams are:—
H.K. Ladies—H. Hance; E. M. Gray, J. Smalley; N. McKenna, B. Pope, B. Hebling; W. Marsh, C. Ferguson, Mrs. P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill and A. Jacks.

"Y" Ladies—W. George; J. Wilson, A. Fowler; L. Hiley; E. Thomson, B. Blumenthal; V. Brandy; B. Walker, S. Daleid; P. McCaw and O. Brown.

ST. ANDREW'S FAVOURED
The St. Andrew's Ladies, who stand a very good chance of recording their first championship win in the Caer Clark Cup tournament this season, are assured of two points when they meet the Recreo Ladies at King's Park this afternoon.

The Recreo have made no changes in the side which drew with "Y" Ladies last week, but are likely to face defeat from the start as they are still without one of their best forwards, Miss C. Silva.

The danger in the Saints' attack will come from the centre-half, Miss J. Wong, and the inside forwards, Miss Everest, Miss M. Woolley, and Miss Gittins.

The teams are:—
Recreo Ladies—G. Ross; C. Osmond, M. Baxter, M. Xavier, L. Xavier, E. Roxorio; D. Remedios, C. Silva, Silva-Netto, A. Alves and M. Remedios.
St. Andrew's Ladies—Mrs. B. Ross; G. White and M. Jorge; I. Woolley, J. Wong and E. Landolt; F. Wong, P. Everest, M. Woolley, F. Gittens and M. Churn.

C.B.A. TO BEAT C.B.S.
The third Caer Clark Cup fixture this afternoon is between the Central British Association Ladies, who have twice had the distinction of defeating the champions, and the Central British Schoolgirls, and this afternoon's result, excepting a miracle should undoubtedly be in favour of the Ladies, who are a stronger team all-round.

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FRENCH TEAM WIN ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Scoring in three successive matches against various clubs, without losing a single goal, the French sextette of the Stade Français yesterday won the Von Haff Cup in the ice hockey international tournament at Garmisch in Upper Bavaria.—Havas

Berlin Prepares Arena To Seat 100,000 At 1936 Games

Berlin (By Mail).—With a will Germany is building interest, technique, and grounds for the 1936 Olympic games.

Athletes throughout the Reich are pointing every effort for the coming contests while in the hands of the Olympic committee will travel to inaugurate the games—arrange from the famous Lustgarten in the centre of Berlin nine miles almost straight to the stadium, and beyond to Doberitz, where the Olympic village will be built.

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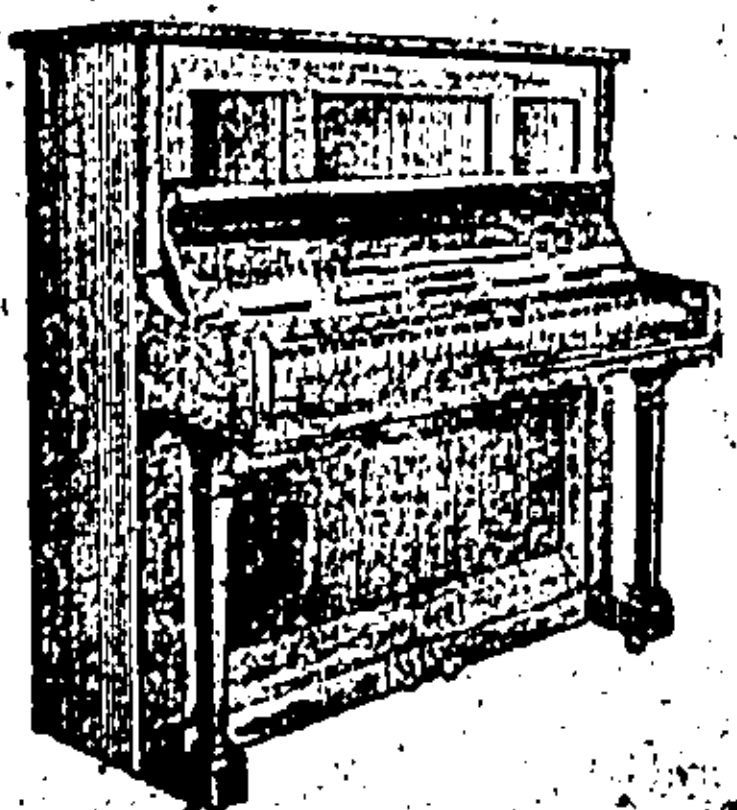
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Sporting Chatter

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)



TO-NIGHT'S BOXING

(Continued From Page 1.)

W. H. PONSFORD, the famous Australian batsman, who announced his retirement from first-class cricket at the age of 34, will be remembered in England chiefly for his magnificent batting in the Leeds and Oval Tests last season, and for a glorious Test century, again at the Oval, in 1930.

At the wicket his squat and sturdy figure, surmounted by a cap with its peak well on one side, gave him at the same time a bulldog and a pugnacious appearance. He knew how to concentrate for hours at a stretch, and was always twice himself on great occasions.

HIS BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

PONSFORD used to indulge his sense of humour by playing on the spectators. After hitting a bumptious to a fieldman's hands, and apparently giving a catch, he would walk several paces towards the pavilion, amid great cheering, only to return to the crease with a broad smile.

He loves cricket, and is very fond of England. Late last September, when many of his fellow-tourists were visiting France and Spain, my colleague, Ronald Symond, met him on the roof of the pavilion at the Oval, quietly enjoying a busman's holiday watching the Champion County play against the Rest.

Ponsford then said that he had enjoyed the season greatly, and was in no hurry to leave our shores.

THREE OTHERS

AS everyone knew, W. M. Woodfull has played his last game for Australia, but it is surprising to hear that W. J. O'Reilly has finished with big cricket and that with him into retirement will go T. W. Wall, the fast bowler, and L. Nagel, the Victorian who played against Jardine's team for his State.

Australian cricket is losing a lot of its veterans, but by all accounts there are enough youngsters who will be quite ready to fill the gaps when the next M.C.C. team lands there in the autumn of 1936.

"W.G." SAW THIS

YOU may think I do not know it is December with all this talk of cricket. But the summer game is right in the news to-day. Here is another item of great interest.

Mr. W. H. Brain, who died at Dinas Powis, could claim the unequalled record of having stumped three batsmen with consecutive balls in a first-class match.

That was in 1893, when he assisted Gloucestershire under the captaincy of the great "W. G." C. L. Townsend was the bowler and three Somerset batsmen, one after another, walked into the trap.

MARRIED GOLFERS' TRIUMPH

IN view of the ban on Australian cricketers' wives, it amused me to note that the five American golfers who swept the board at the Centenary tournament in Australia were all accompanied by their "better halves."

I am not saying that they won because their women-folk were there, but the fact remains that the wives were present and that the bulk of the prize-money is earmarked for America.

The happy married golfers were Craig Wood and Densmore Shute, who tied for the British Open, Paul Runyon, Henry Cooper, and Leo Diegel.

I liked the spirit in which they embarked on this world tournament. They made an undertaking that they would share all prize-money and exhibition fees.

Before sailing they decided that the tour was not a really good business proposition, but that the United States ought to be represented. They have probably changed their view now.

DONCASTER'S NEW LEADER

Doncaster Rovers have obtained the transfer of Reg Barnes, centre forward, from Sheffield United, the fee paid being the highest ever given by Doncaster.

The German had can take any amount of punishment, and is very fast on his feet. In a fight in Singapore I saw him fight Battling Guillerme, the then Malayan welterweight champion, to a draw, in one of the hardest hitting battles ever seen in the Malayan ring.

To-night's bout, which is scheduled for 10 rounds, should be the full distance, providing Appleby is able to stand up to the German's sledge-like blows.

A. B. Robinson, who meets an American, Mel Hermes, in a six rounds welterweight contest, was formerly one of the finest lightweights of the Home Fleet, and fought Macfarlane to a draw for the Lightweight Championship of Scotland a few years ago.

American's Challenge
Hermes is also no novice, and has met the best of the junior American professional welterweights, and, judging from their reputations, the bout promises to be one of the outstanding items on the programme.

In the other bouts, A. B. Wingrave and A. B. Fancey, who met a fortnight ago when the former won on a technical knock-out, again clash in a six rounds welterweight contest, while in the remaining Welterweight bout, A. B. Parker of H.M.S. Medway meets P. O. Davis of H.M.S. Kent.

Corporal Fitzgerald of H.M.S. Kent meets A. B. Clarke of the Medway in a six rounds middleweight bout, and this clash should produce some good fighting.

BASEBALL CHANGE IN JAPAN

Country Not Ready For Professionalism

ECONOMIC REASONS

Tokyo, Dec. 29.
Baseball in Japan may be at the beginning of a transitional stage in which professional ball may come to the front as one of the leading national amusements.

Despite the fact that the first professional club had been organized, authoritative sports writers believe that "it will be several years before professional baseball as it is conducted in America gets a genuine start here. Japan is not ready for it, they believe, principally for economic reasons.

While popular interests in baseball seem to be on a par with that in the United States, the sports writers believe that the university and inter-city matches, which now provide 80 first class games a season, just about supply the demand.

Low Admission Charges
Baseball interest still centres on the universities. Attendance is excellent, and sometimes reaches 60,000 for a single game. Still the great mass of fans pay something less than 20 cents U.S. currency for admission. The top price is 50 cents.

It is believed that there is not enough loose amusement money to support a professional league with a schedule of anything like 154 games a year.

The Tokyo University League, the outstanding organization in Japan, took in a total of 240,000 yen during the 1934 season or approximately \$80,000, United States currency. The writers point out that this figure once represented Babe Ruth's annual salary.

"College Spirit" Money
Fandom can just about pay for what it is getting now. A considerable part of this expenditure is inspired by interest in the universities and the students rather than in baseball itself. Most of this "college spirit" money would be spent for U.S. football quite as readily if the game had a foothold.

The professional team that was organized after the visit of the American stars here, will meet only professional teams from the United States, and the Philippines unless another professional club is organized early in the year. United Press.

INFURIATED HOLDER POUNDS KINGFISH TO CANVAS MISUNDERSTANDING OF GESTURES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.
A typical Baer swing, a right to the head, to-night put a stop to King Levinsky's world heavyweight boxing championship aspirations.

The blow ended one argument, that between Baer and Levinsky, but only added fuel to another that has engaged the interest of countless thousands of the nation's sports followers—whether or not Maxie to-day hits harder than Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler of a bygone day.

Baer to-night resembled the Dempsey of ten years ago that fight fans of America idolized. He hit Levinsky so hard—in the opinion of most observers—that his forebears must have felt the jar.

The end came fifty-three seconds after the bell started the second round of the scheduled four-round engagement, wherein Max's world's championship was not at stake.

Max landed two vicious blows to the head. He dodged a vicious haymaker. He sank a left into Levinsky's body—and three-quarters of the fans in attendance grunted painfully in sympathy.

While Levinsky wheezed, Baer followed his advantage up. He rapped three fast ones to the head that had the ex-Chicago fish peddler back-peddalling.

Levinsky sagged backwards as the last of the trio landed. Maxie crossed a right to the chin—just as powerful and well-timed a one as Dempsey could have done in his prime—and the fight was over.

LIFTED INTO MID-AIR
Levinsky, all the 201 pounds of him, was virtually lifted into mid-air by the force of the blow. He did a beautiful back jack-knife and landed flat on his back—colder than a hostile mother-in-law.

Referee Tommy Thomas bent over and started counting. He only counted ten as per Marquis of Queensberry regulations. He could have counted 100.

The Kingfish was still out when the count finished. He was carried to his corner where he had suffered his first knockout in 77 professional ring engagements in the course of which he has met Jack Dempsey, Jack Sharkey, and Primo Carnera, all rated as among the hardest-hitting heavyweights in ring history.

China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Football—Senior Shield—

Club v. Fusilliers (Club Grd., 2.30 p.m.)

East Lancashire v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)

South China "B" v. St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

Junior Shield—

Navy v. Kowloon (Navy, 2.30 p.m.)

East Lancashire v. Club (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

Royal Artillery v. R.A.F. (Military Grd., H.V., 2.30 p.m.)

R.A.O.C. v. South China (Graham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Club de Reccelo v. Police (King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)

University v. R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

R.A.M.C. v. Fusilliers (Military Grd., H.V., 4 p.m.)

Golf—

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Capt's Cup Competition: Completion of

Second Round Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Ladies' Section Taggart Cup Competition.

Hockey—Caer Clark Cup—

Club de Reccelo v. St. Andrew's (Marina Grd., 2.45 p.m.)

C.B.A. v. C.B.S. (King's Park, 3 p.m.)

Miscellaneous—

Kowloon C.C. Children's Sports

Rugby—Triangular Tournament—

Club v. Navy (Happy Valley, 4 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

Football—Senior Shield—

Navy v. South China "A" (Cadsway Bay Grd., 4 p.m.)

Police v. Lincoln (Kowloon Grd., 4 p.m.)

Junior Shield—

R.E. v. Lincoln (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

Golf—

Completion of Second Round Hong Kong Golf Club "G. M. Young" and "Stubbs" Shield Competitions

and First Round Captain's Cup Competition and Qualifying round

Junior Championship

Competition

Hockey—Morrison Tournament—

Central British v. Kowloon Indians

(King's Park, 4.00 p.m.)



FOOTBALL

(Continued from Page 1.)

Kowloon's Defence

A good encounter should be witnessed at Kowloon where the East Lancs meet Kowloon. Both teams are fairly well balanced, but the soldiers will start with the advantage of having played together as a team for some considerable time, whereas, Kowloon have just signed on new players who have not quite settled down in their new team.

Morrison, Davis, and Jones, playing at left-back, right-half and inside-left, will constitute a menace to the East Lancs' attack, and if the soldiers are to succeed then these men must be subdued at all costs.

Navy For 3rd Round

In the Junior Shield, the Navy, who entered the Second Round last week by a win over the Easterns, should have no difficulty in entering the Third Round this afternoon when they encounter Kowloon at Causeway Bay.

The East Lancs and the Club, who clash at Kowloon, and the University, who meet the Service Corps on the Valley, should provide the best games among the other Junior Shield encounters.

To-morrow, in addition to the South China "A" and Navy Senior League clash, the Police meet the Lincolns at Kowloon in what should be a very interesting encounter.

There is one Junior League game scheduled for to-morrow, the Engineers and the Lincolns and the latter should win comfortably.

FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

(Continued from Page 1.)

It is a fine proposition—beautiful country and climate, comfortable travel, and lashings of real South African hospitality. And a handsome profit to be shown at the end of it.

Incidentally, it is learned that if there are no takers among the professional clubs named, the invitation will be sent to the British Army soccer authorities asking that a "combined services" team be sent.

WHY SALE OF CARDS FELL THROUGH

(Continued from Page 1.)

was due mainly to the four game penant clinching series played here to wind up the season. "Business is business," Wentz remarked in spreading the following tables for public inspection:

AT HOME	
With Chicago	82,520
With Cincinnati	75,850
With New York	65,398
With Pittsburgh	49,888
With Boston	27,923
With Brooklyn	25,623
With Philadelphia	17,201
Total	384,821
ABROAD	
At Chicago	112,487
At Cincinnati	89,787
At New York	150,180
At Pittsburgh	71,742
At Boston	36,185
At Brooklyn	54,335
At Philadelphia	29,489
Total	494,085

Wentz asked: "What assurance have I that a new owner will cause an increase in attendance for the Cardinals at St. Louis?"

BERLIN PREPARES FOR GAMES

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The field is served by street cars, subway, the city railway, and motor roads, and will have extensive parking space.

Ultimately it is planned to have facilities for all popular sports at the field, with training halls and several grandstands for spectators, a main arena with a seating capacity of 100,000, a swimming pool with tank for 10,000, and a special tournament ground for equestrian events. Associated Press.

H.K. LADIES ARE FAVOURED TO BEAT "Y" TEAM

(Continued from Page 4.)

The Schoolgirls, although they have played better as a team these last few weeks, sadly miss Miss Ruff from among the forwards, although their defence layed one of their best games on the season last week against the Saints.

The teams are:
C.B.A. Ladies—S. Beat; P. Woolley; F. K. Walker; M. Bryson; E. Beavis; G. MacNider; R. Blackmore; N. Whitley; E. Woolley; M. Smith; and D. Hunt.
C.B. School—J. Whiteman; M. Lamart; and R. Stephenson; K. Mole; J. McGaw; C. Bone; E. Rousseau; J. Humphrey; J. Lakeman; A. Martin and P. Stringer.

FORMER WORLD CHAMPION RECEIVES OFFER

Benny Bass, former featherweight and junior lightweight champion of the world, has received an offer to appear in two fights in London and one in Paris.

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Hong Kong, 11th September, 1934.



EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
 On T.T. and demand 1/8%
 4 months' sight 1/8%
 Credits 4 months' sight 1/8%

On Shanghai—
 On demand 121
 On Singapore—
 On demand 73%

On Japan—
 On demand 148%

On India—
 On T.T. and demand 114%
 On New York—
 On demand 42%
 Credits 60 days' sight 43%

On Batavia—
 On demand 62%

On Paris—
 On demand 670
 Credits 4 months' sight 640

On Saigon—
 On demand 64

On Manila—
 On demand 85

On Bangkok—
 On demand 107%
 Sovereigns bank buying rate 1/9%
 Bar Silver per oz. 24 11/16
 Bar Silver in Hong

Kong nom.
 Copper Cash nominal
 Copper Cents 1% prem.
 Rate of Native Interest 3% p.a.
 Chinese Sub. Coin 27% dis.
 Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.

TOBACCO DUTIES
DOUBLED

Extra Levy At Request
 Of N. China Growers

Nanking.
 It is authoritatively learned that
 the Ministry of Finance has doubled
 the import duty on tobacco leaves
 as from January 1, 1935. The de-
 cision was made, it is learned, at
 the joint request of the tobacco
 producers in Kansu, Shensi, Honan
 and Shansi in order to protect the
 native tobacco trade. — Chekiat
 Agency.

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SHARE MARKET

Weekly Report

Hong Kong, Jan. 5.
 Mr. G. A. Harriman's weekly
 share report and market review is
 issued at noon states:—

Firmness was again displayed in
 many sections of our market dur-
 ing the week under review, and
 though prices in many instances
 remained unchanged, several
 counters were marked higher.

The demand for investment issues
 continued with Hong Kong Trams
 done at \$20.50/80, Telephones
 (old) at \$25.60/85 and Hong Kong
 Electric at 72 3/4/80. Wharves
 were a shade better with en-
 quires at \$11 1/2.

Hong Kong Lands
 ceased off slightly with shares of-
 fering at \$55. Dairy Farms con-
 tinued in request at \$24.25. Minor
 issues again steadied up a bit with

Hotels changing hands in large
 parcels at \$5.20/30, China Lights
 at \$10.70/90 and Realities at \$5.40.
 Cements, after having been tran-
 sacted at \$2 1/2, were slightly on
 the easy side with shares on offer

at this figure. Philippine mining
 shares were rather active, Anti-
 moks having been done at 76 1/2/80
 cts., Gold River at 21 cts. and Big
 Wedge at 9 cts. Sterling counters

showed no change, Hong Kong
 Banks being in demand at around
 \$1620 and Unions at around \$605.
 The tone of the market at the
 close is very steady but quiet.

Business during the week has
 been done at the following prices:
 Hong Kong Banks \$1,630.
 Union Insurance \$510/515.
 Hong Kong Fire \$240.
 Hotels \$5.20/30.
 Hong Kong Trams \$20.50/20.80.
 Star Ferries \$100.
 Lights (old) \$10.65/10.90.
 Hong Kong Electric \$72 3/4/80.
 Telephones (new) \$11.20.
 Cements \$2.25.
 Hong Kong Amusements \$1.85.
 Providents (old) \$1.45.
 Providents (new) \$0.15.
 Antmoks 76 1/2/80 cts.
 Gold Rivers, 21 cts.

Docks, etc.
 H.K. Wharves \$112 3/4 s.
 H.K. Docks, \$12 1/2 n.
 Providents (old) \$1.40 n.
 Providents (new), 50 cts. n.
 Hongkows, Sh. \$309 n.
 New Engineering, Sh. \$5 1/2 n.
 S'hai Docks, Sh. \$120 n.
 Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$9 n.
 S'hai Cotton (old) \$7 1/2 n.
 S'hai Cottons (new), \$4 1/4 n.
 Zong Sing, Sh. \$12.40 n.
 Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$55 n.
 Lands, Hotels, etc.
 H.K. and S. Hotels \$5.30 n.
 H.K. Lands \$5 1/2 s.
 H.K. Lands 4% Debentures 100%
 b.

Shanghai Lands Sh. \$24 1/2 n.
 Metropolitan Lands Sh. \$12.20 n.
 Humphreys \$9 1/2 n.
 H.K. Realities \$5 1/2 s., \$5.40 s.
 Asia Realities "A", Sh. \$100 n.
 Asia Realities "B", Sh. \$20 n.
 Chinese Estates \$88 n.
 China Realities, Sh. \$12 1/2 n.
 China Debentures Sh. \$123 n.

Public Utilities
 H.K. Tramways \$20.80 s.
 Peak Trams (old) \$12 n.
 Peak Trams (new), \$7 n.
 Star Ferries \$100 n.
 Yaumati Ferries \$22 n.
 C. Light (old) \$10.85 b.
 C. Light (new) \$10.65 b.
 H.K. Electric \$72 3/4 s., \$73 s.
 Macao Electric, \$25 n.
 Sandakan Lights \$3 n.
 Telephone (old) \$25.90 s.,
 \$25 1/2 s., \$5 s.
 Telephone (new) 11 1/4 b.
 China Buses, Sh. \$12.40 n.
 Singapore Tractors 4/6 b.
 Singapore Pref. \$17/9 n.

Industrials
 Malabon Sugars, \$8.70 n.
 Cold Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$20 n.
 Cold Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$18 1/4 n.
 Canton Ices \$2.85 n.
 Cements \$2 1/2 s.
 H.K. Ropes \$4 s.

Stores, etc.
 Dairy Farms \$24 b.
 Watsons \$5 n.
 Lane, Crawfords \$3.75 n.
 Mackintosh \$21 n.
 Sincars \$8 n.
 Wm. Fowells, 70 cts. n.
 Wing On (H.K.) \$105 n.

Miscellaneous.
 H.K. Amusements \$1.85 n.
 Entertainment, \$7 1/2 n.
 S.C. Enterprises \$1.85 b.
 Macao "Crown" \$2 n.
 Constructions (old) \$2 n.
 Constructions (new) 65 cts. b.
 Vibro Piling \$6.40 n.
 Chi Govt. 5% 1925 \$68 1/2 s.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prem. b.
 H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 8%
 prem. b.
 H.K. Govt. 3% Loan 8%
 prem. b.
 Wallace Harpers \$7 1/2 s.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have
 been received by Messrs. S. E. Levy
 and Co., and the A.O.F.C.

Jan. 3. Jan. 4.
 Closing Closing

New York Cotton:
 January 12.54 12.58
 March 12.70 12.70
 May 12.76 12.77
 July 12.79 12.81
 October (1935) 12.63 12.66
 December 12.68 12.71
 Spot 12.68 12.85

New York Rubber:
 January 13.47 13.58
 March 13.70 13.76
 May 13.91 13.97
 July 14.11 14.18
 September 14.30 14.37
 October 14.40 14.47

Chicago Wheat:
 May 99 1/2 99 1/2
 July 98 3/4 98 3/4
 September 91 1/2 91 1/2

Chicago Corn:
 May 99 1/2 99 1/2
 July 85 1/2 84 1/2
 September 81 1/2 81 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat:
 May 83 1/2 83 1/2
 July 83 1/2 84

New York Sugar:
 Old New
 March 1.92 1.87 1/8
 May 1.96 1.91 1/8
 July 1.98 1.95 1/8
 September 2.03 2.00 1/8

New York Silk:
 March 1.40 1.41 1/2
 May 1.42 1.41 1/2
 July 1.42 1.41

Montreal Silver:
 March 55.55 55.55
 May 55.45 55.75
 July 55.40 55.95 1/2
 September 56.90 56.55 1/2

b-bid.

LONDON FORECAST OF THE
AMERICAN MARKET

Wall Street is expected to mark
 time at the opening, but later the
 movement will be governed by the
 results of President Roosevelt's
 speech which is expected to-day.

Rubber is anticipated to be up.
 Wheat will probably be higher on
 the Orient buying. The weather in
 the corn-belt is cold but is forecast-
 ed to be milder.

Cotton is expected to open un-
 changed and dull, awaiting news
 from Washington.

Following the embargo on silver
 exports from Tientsin very small ex-
 ports of the metal are now report-
 ed, according to information from
 Chinese sources.

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGE

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

DR. HU SHIH GUEST OF HONOUR

Sir Robert Ho Tung's Tea Party

Sir Robert Ho Tung was the host at a tea party given in honour of Dr. Hu Shih, one of China's foremost modern thinkers, at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. A large and distinguished gathering was present.

Amongst those present were Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, Hon. Sir William Shenton, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie, Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, His Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. M. J. Quist, Mr. A. Blanton, Mr. C. L. Hoover, Mr. H. Gipperich, Mr. Telsier, Messrs. D. W. Trautman, F. C. Jenkin, T. F. Le, P. Jacks, M. K. Lo, M. W. Lo, C. Y. Kwan, Dr. K. C. Yeo, Messrs. W. Gittins, M. H. Turner, G. R. Sayer, S. O. Liang, M. H. Lo, Horace Lo, W. J. Keswick, F. C. Hall, N. B. Stewart, Ho Wing, E. S. K. Ho Tung, Ho Kom-tong, Shou J. Chen, S. M. Ma, Li Tse-fong, Kan Tong-po, Li Koon-chun, Fung Heung-chuan, V. M. Grayburn, W. J. Waddington, A. Brearley, W. H. Thomas, J. B. Rosa, R. M. McLay, L. Johnson, Sir E. Kadoorie, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Messrs. T. A. Mitchell, S. H. Stone, A. L. Shields, J. H. Taggart, Kwok Siu-lau, Felix Joseph, S. T. Williamson, Mok Kow-sang, W. S. Bailey, Wong Tak-kwong, Tang Shui-kin, Li Yau-tsun, A. Morris, Professor L. Forster, Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Professor R. K. M. Simpson, Professor R. Robertson, Mr. N. S. France, Father Sinn, Father Macdonald, Messrs. Chan Kwan-po, W. B. Finnigan, E. E. Strother, C. Wilson, Lt. Col. Murrow, Messrs. Li Hoi-tung, A. H. Compton, P. K. Au, F. J. de Rome, T. M. Hazlerick, Dr. K. T. Watt, Dr. Lo Wen-kan, Messrs. Lai Chai-hoi, Soprani, T. B. Wilson, G. S. Archbutt, Stanley H. Dodwell, Li Yik-mui, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Dr. Wan Yik-shing, Messrs. G. H. Sheldon, Thomas Tam, R. A. D. Forrest, Fred Kew, Ma Ying-pui, Ma Man-fai, Choy Hing, Y. C. Wong, Y. K. Kwan, Wei Tat, W. A. Zimmern and George She.

Dinner Party Held

Dr. Hu Shih, Dr. Chiang Mung-ling, Chancellor of the Peiping University, and Dr. Herman Liu, President of the Shanghai University, were entertained by the Euro-American Returned Students' Union at an informal dinner party held in the Chinese Merchants' Club yesterday evening. Mr. Hin-shing Lo, President of the Union, presided over a large gathering.

"SILENCE ORDER" IN ENGLAND

First Prosecution For Contravention

The first case under the "silence order" came before the Windsor magistrates last month. Sidney Coleman, of Bracknell, was fined 5s. for sounding a motor horn after 11.30 p.m. It was stated that he gave "two shrill blasts" near Windsor Hospital. When stopped he said that he had "never heard of such a law."

STRANGE FISHING INCIDENT

Body Recovered By Brother-in-Law

While fishing off the Dublin coast yesterday Andrew Reid felt a heavy weight in the net, and on drawing it in with difficulty found that it contained the body of his brother-in-law, Thomas Richardson, of Ballinacorney, who was "lost overboard" from his boat a short while previously.

Orders For The Coming Week.

Orders by Lieut.—Colonel R. B. L. Dowbiggin, O. B. E. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:—

Hong Kong.

Friday, 4th, January, 1935.

PARADE

Corps, 1st. Battery. The Battery will parade at Belcher's Fort on Thursday 10th, January at 6 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Blue Caps, Platform Shoes.

Appointment.—L/Bdr. F. W. Kendall is appointed in charge of Headquarters. Gun vice L/Sgt. D. Marshall, on leave.

Musketry.—The Battery will fire Part III at Stonecutters Range on Sunday 3rd, February.

Corps Engineers

Monday, January 7th.—Miniature Range.

Thursday, January 10th.—D. L. Training at Belcher's Fort at 6 p.m. Dress: Overalls.

Corps Machine Gun Battalion Signal Unit

Parades.—All ranks are reminded that parades will commence on Wednesday 9th, January. Camp Pay will be drawn on that day.

Rifles.—Rifles should be returned to armourer at once.

Gas Masks.—Those not in possession of gas masks should arrange to draw them from Stores as early as possible as this item is a necessary part of equipment. Gas instruction will be given at an early date.

Motor Cycle (M.G.) Section

Parade at Headquarters on Monday, 7th, January at 5.30 p.m. All ranks are reminded that Revolvers must be returned to Store on this parade.

No. 3 (Anzac) Company

The Company will parade in mufti at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 7th, January. As Camp Pay will be issued at this parade all members who attended Camp are requested to attend.

VOLUNTEER AIR ARM

No. 2193 Sgr. J. R. J. R. Canning, M. G. Bn. Signal, has been registered in the Waiting List.

RETURN FROM LEAVE

Captain S. Jarvis, Corps Infantry, returned from leave on 13/12/34.

No. 614 Lg/Cpl. A. J. Wadmore, Corps Signals, on 27/12/34.

No. 1515 Gnr. C. E. Moore, 1st. Battery, on 27/12/34.

Captain, (Sgd.) P. S. M. WILKINSON, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C.

Lectures in First Aid will begin on Wednesday, 9th, January 1935 at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters (Miniature Range) and will be continued on Mondays (Lecture Room) and Wednesdays (Miniature Range) alternatively each week.

Lecturer:—Lieut. L. T. Ride, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B. Ch.

Details of Practice Classes for those qualified in First Aid and Home Nursing will be published in Orders dated 11th, January, 1935.

Sgd. M. M. MELLOR, Acting Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

INSPECTORS USE GIRL DECOY

Bench's Disapproval

"I have never heard of anything more disgusting in my life," said Mr. E. Charles Jones, at Newport (Mon.) when defending in a case in which he said the methods of the prosecution were "a travesty of British justice."

Newport Corporation sanitary inspectors proceeded against five Newport chemists for selling drugs alleged to be not up to standard.

It was stated that an inspector paid a coloured girl 5s. to buy samples which were the subject of some of the summonses. Mr. Jones said this girl was used as a decoy to trap decent Newport tradesmen.

Some cases were dismissed, and in others small fines were imposed. The chairman, Mr. W. H. Le Grand Chambers, said the magistrates did not approve or admire the way the cases had been brought up.



Herbert R. O'Connor (left), newly elected attorney-general of Maryland, congratulating Albert C. Ritchie in Baltimore on being the first man to be elected governor of a state five consecutive times.

LOCAL KIDNAPPING CASE

Nine-Year-Old Boy's Evidence

DA ROCHA'S DEFENCE

Luigi Jose Ribeiro, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ribeiro, who was alleged to have been kidnapped by Louis Antonio da Rocha and Frederick Barretto, gave evidence yesterday against his alleged kidnappers at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court before Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

Taken by his father into the witness stand the kidnapped boy, speaking half English and half Chinese, stated that he was nine years of age and lived with his parents at Nos. 6 and 7 Hanoi Road. He remembered staying away one night last month from his father's house. He said Barretto took him away.

The case for the Crown concluded and the defence was commenced.

Rocha was put in the witness stand at yesterday's proceedings, and detailed his movements on the day in question. He denied that he had anything to do with the kidnapping and claimed that he was only attempting to help a friend, who had done something wrong and was regretting it.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, while Mr. M. K. Lo represented da Rocha.

Barretto pleaded guilty last week to three charges in connection with the kidnapping, and sentence will be passed on him later.

Mr. Fraser reserved his cross-examination of Rocha until the next hearing, which was fixed for 2.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 10.

HOW GIRLS SPEND THEIR LEISURE

A famous Nottingham manufacturing firm employing hundreds of girls recently instituted a five-days week. And this is how the girls—according to a census—spend their extra time off on Saturday morning. Help mother and do housework, 95; stay in bed later, 45; go shopping, 11; cycling, swimming, hiking, etc., 26; knitting, 3; look after baby, take care of children, 2; gardening, 1. Only one girl said she would "prefer to be at work."

GIANT LIFEBOATS FOR CUNARD

The biggest life-boats ever to be built in Great Britain have been ordered for the mammoth Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary.

The life-boats, which will be constructed at Govan, will be made of steel and will be completely fire-proof. Some of them will be equipped with wireless. They will be able to carry 145 passengers each, as compared with 68 carried by the life-boats of the Aquitania.

LUNG HAI RAILWAY EXPERIMENT

Free Lectures For Merchants

INTENDED TO FACILITATE DAILY OPERATIONS

Hankow.

In order to give merchants some knowledge of freight transportation by rail and thus facilitate the daily operations of the railway service, several small auditories for lectures on that subject will shortly be established at the main stations along the Lung Hai Railway under the auspices of the railway authorities.

The auditories, which will be open to the general public free of charge, will be established at the following commercial centres along the railway: Hsinpu, Hsuehchow, Shangchiu, Kaifeng, Chengchow, Loyang, Shenchow, Tungkuang, Weinan and Sian.

The number of auditors for each class has been fixed from twenty to forty, and lectures will be given every night, except Sundays, from 8 to 9 o'clock. Lecturers will be appointed by the Railway Administration and will be under the supervision of the respective station masters.

Subjects of lectures range from loading and unloading to water and land through transportation. Following are some of the subjects on which instruction will be given:—

1, General principles of railway transportation; 2, Regulations of passenger and freight transportation along the Lung Hai Railway; 3, Regulations governing bills of lading; 4, Methods of estimating freight charges; 5, Procedure of loading, unloading, and requisition for indemnity; 6, Classification of commodities; 7, Procedure for through land and water traffic.—Central News Agency.

PAYMENT ON CRISP LOAN OF 1912

£96,049 Remitted On 1928 Account

Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, announced last week that £96,049, together with accrued interest since October 1, 1934, is being remitted to London by the Chief Inspectorate of Salt Revenue to pay the 1928 instalment of principal of the Crisp Loan of 1912.

It will be recalled that payment of the arrears of interest on the Crisp Loan was completed during 1930, under the plan of 1929 for caring for arrears of the "Salt-secured loans." Last October, payment of the arrears of principal of the Anglo-French Loan of 1908, the senior Salt-secured loan, was completed.

The foregoing Dr. Kung pointed out, cleared the way for the commencement of payment of the arrears of principal of the Crisp Loan. The payment of the 1928 instalment at this time is the first step towards clearing these arrears.—Kuo Min.

CHINESE TRADE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Prices Of Imports Decline

MERCHANTS' INFLUENCE DWINDLES STEADILY

Nanking.

Affected by the decline in prices of native Chinese goods as well as the world-wide economic depression, the commercial influence of Chinese nationals in the Philippine Islands has dwindled considerably during recent years. Whereas formerly 90 per cent. of commercial enterprises in the Philippines were in the hands of the Chinese, now only 50 per cent. remains in their sphere of influence.

This is the impression brought back to China by Mr. Lu Li-pang, Chairman of the Chinese Druggists Association in the Philippines, who recently returned to China to petition the National Government to lodge a protest with the Philippine Government against the latter's action in prohibiting Chinese doctors of the old school to practice among Chinese nationals there.

The total number of overseas Chinese there, Mr. Lu said in an interview, is over 100,000, including those born in the Philippine Islands, but they lack the spirit of co-operation, which accounts much for the decline of their influence.

The Japanese there are different, Mr. Lu asserted. Their influence is ever in the ascendant. To cite an example, Mr. Lu said, Japanese rubber shoes have enjoyed such a good market there that the Philippine Government has deemed it necessary to check the Japanese dumping by imposing an extra import tariff of U.S.\$0.50 or one dollar Philippine currency, on every pair of imported shoes, regardless of kind and nationality.

But the Japanese, to cope with these circumstances, Mr. Lu continued, have raised funds for the establishment of two large plants there for the manufacture of rubber shoes, in order to avoid the heavy customs duties.

In addition, Mr. Lu said, they are contemplating the opening of several match factories, an enterprise which the Chinese can undertake just as well, if they will learn to co-operate.—Central News Agency.

CHINESE STUDENTS IN JAPAN

Big Increase Noted Last Year

DOUBLE THE NUMBERS OF 1932

A great increase has been witnessed in the number of Chinese students studying in Japan.

Investigation shows that the total number of students studying in Japan in 1934 was 2,200, which is double the total number in 1932, and is only about 800 less than the total in 1930, the highest record reached in the past.

Estimates show that the number of students in Japan from Kirin in 1934 was four times, from Heilungkiang three times, and from Shan-tung, Honan, Shansi, Liaoning, and Kiangsu twice the respective number of the previous year.

By comparison Liaoning claims the greatest number of students in Japan, with a total of 400, Kwangtung ranks second with 280, Kirin comes third with 200, while Kiangsu, Chekiang, Chinghai, Hopei, and Fukien have over 100 each.

Two reasons are attributed to the present increase of students studying in Japan. In the first place, the nearness of Japan and the comparatively lower standard of living there lure many students to Japan; and in the second place poor students, falling to pass the entrance examinations for admittance to home universities, go to Japan to study as an alternative.—Central News Agency.

NATIVE MATERIALS ONLY ALLOWED

Beginning as from the first day of the New Year, according to an order by the Ministry of Industry, permits for building purposes will be refused if native lumber and native-made articles necessary for construction work is not used. According to the report by the Government, even small articles in the construction work have to be of native origin.

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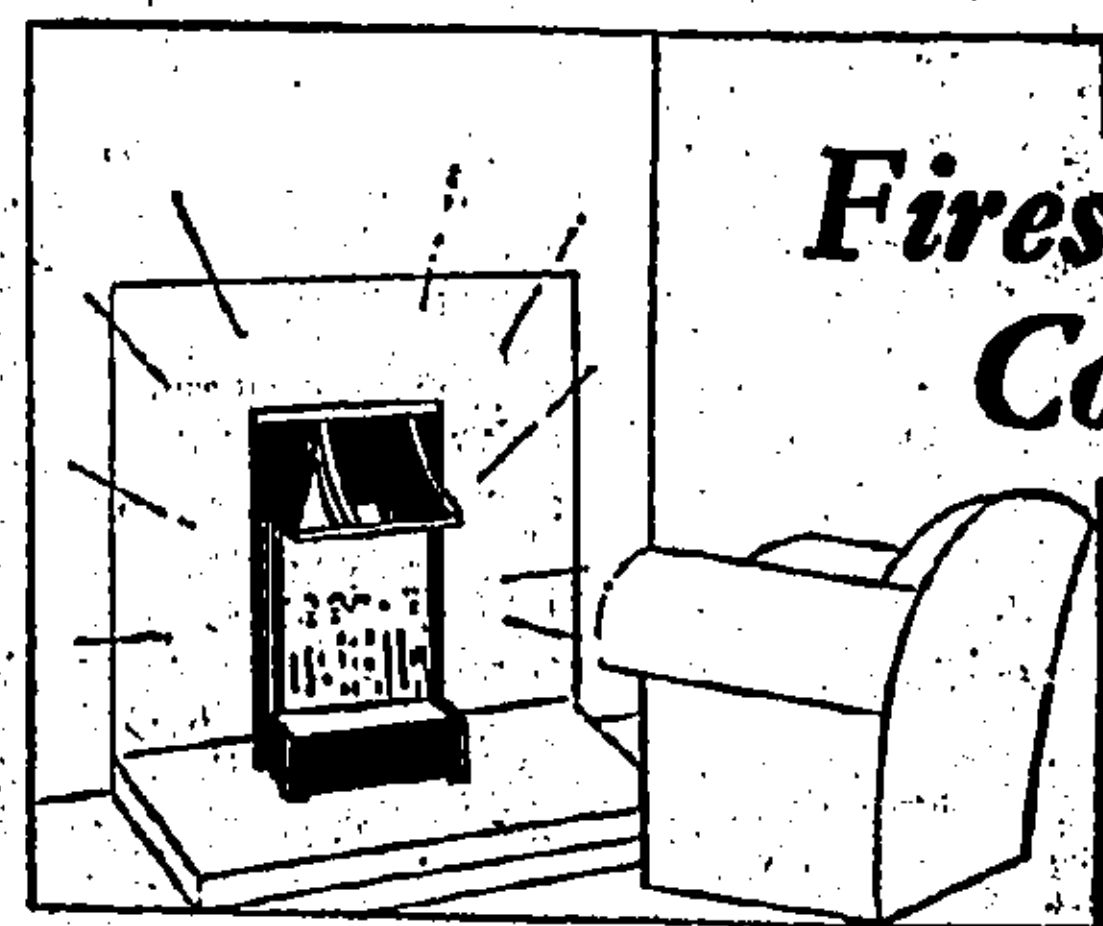
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Hong Kong, Saturday, Jan. 5, 1935.

The New Year

Now that the last of the New Year crackers has been duly exploded, and the devils of depression have been presumably frightened away, we naturally turn from our review of the past year to the prospects of 1935. We need no more lessons in the simple fact that our local trade is so completely bound up with the activities of the general commerce of the world that scarcely anything can happen anywhere that does not or may not affect us. Hong Kong as an open port and trading centre can repeat the old tag "nihil humanum a me alienum". The breakdown that began in 1929 reached us later than other countries, but in 1933 we came within the area of disturbance, and at the beginning of last year we were in the bottom of the pit. Of last year it may be said generally that we went no deeper because we had got as far down as possible; and that at the end of the year shipping was beginning to look up and several of the Kowloon industries were expanding, more particularly with their exports to Singapore.

Pretty much the same may be said of the prospects of international co-operation in the development of prosperity. The world had gone so far in the way of irritating interferences with each other's trade that revenue and common sense had long been abandoned as motives of policy and malice had taken the front place, and no motive is so sterilising. An outstanding example is the economic reprisals between Great Britain and Ireland. One can see a point of principle at issue in the argument about the Land Purchase payments. Mr. De Valera offered to submit the question to the Hague Tribunal in order to establish his position as being entirely outside of the agreement arrived at by the Imperial Conference that all internal disputes of the Empire should be settled by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council; the British Government was determined to support that principle. The controversy might have been left in abeyance for calmer consideration. Instead it was carried over into a war of tariffs, in which each country hit the other in the softest place. England went to the Argentine and Canada for the store cattle which Ireland could so well supply, and which were bread and butter to the Irish farmers who owned the finest grazing ground in the world, while Ireland hit the depressed coal industry and went to Germany and Poland for what she wanted—both countries that bought none of Ireland's produce. The results were that magnificent

grazing was ploughed up to grow wheat that could only find a market with heavy protection, while whole villages in South Wales were reduced to idleness and the dole at the cost of the other industries that were already so heavily taxed. The folly became too obvious to be continued indefinitely, and it is difficult to suppose that the relief which will be realised from the exemption of these two basic industries from tariff impediments will not be a mute witness in favour of an extension of the common sense principle of buying from those who are willing to buy what we want to sell.

It is true that cheaper and easier communication makes for international control by agreement; but the various cartels and restriction schemes organised for the purpose of raising prices against the consumer have either broken down or are labouring in heavy seas. The Canadian attempt to force up wheat left the banks with a very unsafe proportion of their funds frozen in loans on stored wheat that had in the end to be sold at a bargain rate which meant a heavy loss. The history of the Copper Cartel is much the same, with the added consequence that not only did the price fall to a rate below the cost of production but that command of the market passed to the Northern Rhodesian field and can never return to the old producers. What concerns us more is the Silver Agreement. It is impossible to say what the true value is of either gold or silver on a basis of uncontrolled exchange. The value of either metal as a commodity differs from its value as available money. Sterling is computed to be about ten per cent. undervalued in gold francs and ten per cent. overvalued in gold dollars. It is difficult to believe that this confusion can go on much longer. The tendency towards a level like the action of gravitation on water, not noticeable at any given moment, but constant and finding a violent solution if too long dammed up.

Our anticipation for the New Year is not based on any idealism; there is not at present any sign anywhere that a sense of common interests is strong enough to lead people to do anything that would seem like sacrificing anything they could hope to gain. Nor is public opinion ready for any general perception of how to work an international system. But there is a growing perception that after exhausting the methods of warfare short of military operations, men have only succeeded in injuring themselves, and it is time to try a new policy.

Mr. C. J. Bruce, International Secretary of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, was quoted by the "China Mail" as saying that the "China Mail" had been a great help to the public in the past year.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

AN ANGLO-ARISTO CLUB

A curious circular soliciting interest for a projected Anglo-Austrian Club has now been dispatched all over London.

The circular states that when people go to an ordinary hotel or pension in Austria they are "only too apt to see the worst side of the country and have little chance of meeting people in their own sphere."

The club, therefore, is to be a castle, "furnished throughout with family heir-looms." There are roe-deer and skiing slopes. There is a real live countess, complete with quarterings, as hostess. A hundred guineas will make a person a life member.

The circular goes on to say that the Austrian Minister in London is in sympathy with the idea. It seems a high-hatted Habsburg kind of an idea. How will the Austrian Government react to the reference to "ordinary hotels and pensions?"

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SLOW MOVER

The Jockey Club, always a slow mover, do not like the idea of paid stewards.

They worked well in India, where they were sometimes stationed in a crowd's nest down the course to watch the starts. They voted on all decisions, but the authority of the voluntary stewards was kept inviolate by giving them a numerical superiority of five to two.

If the Jockey Club have a prejudice against stipendiary stewards (and the Jockey Club are tigers for prejudices) they must ensure that whatever local official they do decide on should be given authority.

A great part of this official's duty will be to tell stewards and the handicapper what he has heard and seen in the way of sharp practice. He will, in fact be called a sneak; and an official sneak without some personal delegated authority is in an impossible position.

Your Daily Smile!

"Ginger ale."
"Pale?"
"No, just a glass."

Cautious
The Hollywood magnate told an assistant that in his opinion a certain writer was the only man for a film they had under consideration. The assistant was tactfully doubtful. "Don't you think perhaps he's a little too cautious?" he suggested.
"Do I care how much he costs?" demanded the producer. "Get him!"

For Appearances
Debt Collector: "Shall I call to-morrow?"
Young Lawyer: "Twice, if convenient! I have an idea that folks think you are a client."

Rotary Club Note
"You are decidedly the best luncheon speaker I ever heard, old man. How do you do it?"
"Oh, it's quite easy, I just prepare a beginning and an ending; and then I see to it that nothing gets in between."

A news item reports that "some of the salaries earned by Hollywood stars during the year will reach to \$2,000,000, \$1,500,000, and \$1,000,000." "We think the item should read 'paid to'."

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

One case of diphtheria and two cases of enteric fever were reported in the Colony for the 24 hours ended Thursday.

An attractive calendar, depicting the territory covered by the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, has been received from this well-known publicity firm.

Following his arrival here yesterday, Dr. Hu Shih, the "Father of the Chinese Renaissance," who is to be honoured by the Hong Kong University with an honorary degree, gave an instructive address on "The Chinese Renaissance" to a large audience at the Great Hall of the University last night.

A striking address on the present-day situation in Soviet Russia was given to one of the largest public gatherings at the Cathedral Hall last evening by Dr. Sherwood Eddy, the United International League, who is widely known for his work in the "Christianity and Communism" movement.

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR INDIA

SOUND ADMINISTRATION STRENGTH AND SECURITY ITS ONLY BASIS

(By A Student Of Indian Affairs)

FROM the beginning the final conclusions of the India Joint Select Committee turned upon the attitude of some five members to the proposals of the White Paper.

There were on the Committee, it should be realised, apart from the representatives of the Government, two clearly defined groups.

On the one hand were the Labour Four, eager to try in India some of the nostrums that the Socialists advocate in vain for this country. On the other stood a body of five Conservatives, headed by Lord Salisbury, believing that the time has not arrived for large experiments. Working at opposite poles of thought, these sections—nine members in total—finally disagreed with the report.

Standing apart from these definite convictions, uncommitted either by their own declarations or from previous association with the long-drawn Indian inquiries, were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earl of Derby, Viscount Hardinge, the Marquis of Zetland and Sir Austen Chamberlain.

India's Storm Of Criticism

The reactions of these elder statesmen would be decisive of the issue, if not in the actual voting, in the impression made upon that vast body of outside opinion which will decide the future of India. The triumph of the advocates of advance is that, after twenty months in which every point of objection was heard and considered, all these five approved the report, with the alterations that are made in the original proposals.

By that fact the Parliamentary chances of the Government proposals are enormously enhanced. The alterations made will not be popular in India.

Already they are being subjected to a storm of criticism from parties there.

The spirit of indignant rejection is one of the permanents of the Indian situation, and need not be taken at its face value. India knows well enough that the advance offered in self-government is real. The fact that Congress has been forced again to take part in the work of the Legislatures by the impending change is a clear indication that its leaders knew that to continue outside meant destruction as a political force.

Control Of The Police

For the moment it is more important to consider the changes from the British point of view. In its practical effect upon opinion here, and upon that body of European opinion in India which is suspicious of change, the most important of the new recommendations is that which concerns the police.

The Committee, following the line of both the Simon Commission and the Round Table Conference, has decided that the transfer of law and order to Indian Ministers is unavoidable. In a trenchant sentence the Committee settles the issue by declaring itself "unable to conceive a Government to which the quality of responsibility could be attributed if it had no responsibility for order." It suggests precautions against political interference with the police and for the preservation of the privacy of records, upon the secrecy of which the whole success of the campaign against terrorism must hang.

Lord Salisbury and his friends, it should be noted, were prepared to grant the transfer with the proviso that the special branch of the police which deals with terrorist crime should be under the orders of the Governor-General or of the Governor in the Provinces. It may be supposed that what decided the Committee upon another course is that in practice there is no separation between the two branches of the police. Officers pass from one to the other as the exigencies of the service demand. The criminal investigating officers must be able to call on the latter for the carrying through of arrests.

Defeating Terrorism
Among the police themselves the year has been that after the force raised under the Union of a Minister's services in regard to the "Gandhi" movement, and a "will" of information could not be maintained.

and the informers, who are the eyes of the force, would disappear in a day. The Committee proposes to guard against the possibility of such a breakdown by arming the Governors with power to ensure the secrecy of records.

This inviolability of the police records has passed into a convention in this country. What is a convention firmly established here is to be made in India a matter of law.

Of equal importance is the power given to the Governor to take over, not only the police, but any other Department in the event of any breakdown. The police force may be operating efficiently, but its work may be destroyed by laxity in the Gaols Department, by weakness on the part of the minor judiciary in convicting prisoners, or by the indulgence of a Minister. Wherever the fault lies, the Governor is given an absolute power to intervene.

Trading And Pension Funds

With the further protection that no change can be made in the Police Acts except with the Governor's assent, the lot of the policeman should be a happier one and the public should be safe against a police breakdown.

This transformation of a British convention into a "safeguard" is typical of most of the work of the Committee. In an illuminating phrase the Committee observes that

"The successful working of Parliamentary government in the Provinces must depend in a special degree on the extent to which Parliament can translate the customs of the British Constitution into statutory safeguards."

Almost the same words might be used about trade protection. In Great Britain men of any nationality can settle down and trade without restriction or penalty, and on equal terms with their British competitors. A practice founded in long tolerance here has in India to be made the subject of statutory precautions against discrimination.

Great satisfaction will be felt amongst a peculiarly helpless class of people at the proposal that the Indian Pension Funds shall be brought home. These funds are not the ordinary pensions payable from

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SHIPPING DISPUTE END IN SIGHT

Draft Agreements May
Be Signed

YUET ON DIFFICULTIES TO BE TACKLED AFTERWARDS

Draft agreements were sent to the owners of the river boats involved in the local shipping strike stating that if the Arbitration Award scale is adopted, the Guild would consider releasing the ships, and would be content to endeavour to come to some arrangement later about the dismissed British Officers of the s.s. Yuet On. This was the decision reached at the extraordinary meeting held by the China Coast Officers' Guild yesterday.

Three owners have already signed the agreement drawn up by the Guild, and are working with their original British officers. Although Mr. Peter H. Sin was their legal representative, the owners did not negotiate through him.

A meeting to decide whether to sign the agreement or not will be held by the owners on Monday.

THE DUKE'S GIFTS

The Duke of Kent has given the eight bridesmaids brooches of diamonds and aquamarines set in platinum.

The brooches are of modern triangular design and each bears the initials "C" and "M" carried out in their two corners. The gifts were sent to the bridesmaids by special messenger, and will be worn at the wedding.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Generally Lifeless
Tone NotedPRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE
HAS NEGATIVE EFFECT

There is considered to be nothing in the Presidential Message calculated to affect the price of securities, most of the subjects dealt with being of a negative character as regards their influence on the stock market, which remains somewhat lifeless.

S. E. Levy and Company's Report In their market report, Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, correspondents for Messrs. White, Weld and Company, New York state:

"Stocks: The Presidential message contained nothing unusual that would be considered a market influence. Federal regulation of all forms of transportation is probable; also legislation against public utility holding companies, which had been forecast for some time. The renewal and clarification of the National Recovery Administration and the further emphasis laid on the reform of social security gave little basis for bullishness. Reduction of the Government's relief activities, through a greatly enlarged public works programme, is also a negative factor as the cost is not known. Consequently, the view is natural that the market should react listlessly, and until Budget plans are revealed on Monday and the Congressional programme is underway, nothing specific as a base of market operations can be expected. Business done:—970,000 shares.

"Bonds: U.S. Government bonds were easier and high grade issues were better and continued to show a good demand. Second grade issues were strong.

"Grains: Mill interest is improving on needs for feeding purposes due to the cold weather. There was heavy accumulation on setbacks. Wheat: Total sales:—12,929,000 bushels; Corn: Total sales:—9,150,000 bushels.

The trade and Bombay were reported to be the best buyers.

"Rubber: Outside interest is moderately, but steadily broadening, while there was still speculative participation. Private estimates of December consumption were 3,600 lots.—Reuters.

The following telegrams were received by Messrs. S. E. Levy and Co. from Reuters:—

Favourable factor ruling prior to the opening of the N.Y. markets:—(1) The market is considered to be acting well, pending Congressional developments.

Unfavourable factor:—

(1) There are indications of a sharp decline in weekly loadings. Wall Street was active and firm. A few soft spots were evident, but fractional gains in prices predominated. A moderate extension of the advance seems to be indicated, based on a mild revival of inflation psychology.

Pennsylvania crude oil has advanced by 15 cts. a barrel.

General Motors has announced that prices for 1935 models of Chevrolet will be unchanged to \$10 lower.

Standard Oil of New Jersey has declared a dividend of 1 share of Mission Corp. for each lot of 25 shares of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

The Mission Corp. is a holding company for Tide Water Associated Oil Company.

E. A. Pierce Co.'s Report In their market report, the American Oriental Finance Corporation, correspondent for Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company New York state:

FAMOUS GOLDEN BUDDHA STOLEN

Only Three Of Type
Known To ExistSAID TO BE ON VIEW
IN NEW YORK

One of the three famous Hsiachinke Buddhas, missing since the fall of Jehol to the Japanese, is now being exhibited in the New York City Museum, according to information reaching Peking.

It is stated that there are only three of this type in China and the Buddhas in Peking, and Wutai are intact but the Buddha in Chengteh, Jehol, is missing. It must have been taken from the Putai Temple and smuggled out of the country. These Hsiachinke Buddhas are all made of gold and beautifully carved in intricate designs.

According to the "Shunpao," the missing Buddha, prior to arriving in New York, was stolen by a Chinese who brought it to Peking, sold it to a foreign dealer of Shanghai, re-bought it, and made off with it to Mukden, where it reposed with a provincial governor and then in a Mukden church, after which a foreign dealer bought it for the sum of Mex. \$540,000. It is now reported to be in New York.

IRISH DEFAULT

\$8,355,000 Collected Out
Of \$12,000,000

Mr. Thomas (Dominions Secretary), informed Mr. Tinker, in the House of Commons, that the total of the payments withheld by the Irish Free State in respect of the financial years 1932-33 and 1933-34 and the first six months of the current financial year was \$12,000,000.

Of this sum \$7,688,000 represented the amounts due in respect of bonus and excess stock. The amount of duties collected under the Irish Free State (Special Duties) Act in the same period was \$8,355,000.

"Stocks: The Presidential message was the important news to-day, but it is difficult to interpret its effect on the market. There appeared to be some realising in industrials, but rails were firm on the hope of constructive legislation.

"Grains: The unexpected strength of Liverpool was responsible for early firmness of the grain markets, but trading was disappointing here both in action and volume. Early on there was scattered buying which was credited to mills. Another visible decrease is expected on Monday.

"Cotton: There was no important selling, while demand was also limited and the fear of additional sales by the Pool was deferring new buying.

"Rubber: Profit-taking by commission houses and selling by dealers reduced the opening gains in prices. Volume of trading was again heavy. London prices went higher and sentiment there is still favourable. The outside market was quiet but firm.

Annalist Index of Business Activity was 84.5, the same as last week.

Automobile output in the United States totalled 38,086 units.

Money in circulation decreased by \$94,000,000.

"Flash: We do not think any particular opinion has been formed on Wall Street regarding the Presidential message except, perhaps, that the message contained no surprises and, generally speaking, was along expected lines. We should not be inclined to call it depressing."—Reuters.

PRIMARY EDUCATION IN CHINA

Subject Discussed
In Nanking

MANY PROPOSALS

Nanking. A score of proposals aiming at the improvement of primary education in Nanking were discussed at the second session of the Nanking Primary Education Discussion Conference held on December 18 with the participation of over 100 principals and deans of various primary schools in Nanking.

One of the proposals provides for the compilation of supplementary reading materials for various courses of study, with a view to supplying works of reference for the use of both teachers and pupils.

Another proposal urges that ways and means for the holding of regular joint examinations for pupils, with the object of editing teaching materials on the basis of the results of these joint examinations, be formulated.

A third proposal, probably the most interesting one, calls for the consideration of remedial methods to amend the inability to read newspapers on the part of the sixth grade primary school students.

That mental arithmetic drill be added to the ordinary teaching of arithmetic in the senior primary school classes, constitutes the theme of another proposal.—Central News Agency.

HIDALGO, ERRANT PLANET

Tracked By Crimean
Observer

A race among astronomers to pick up the little planet, Hidalgo, which has been "missing" from our skies for twelve years, has been won by Professor Neujmin, of Simeis Observatory, in the Crimea.

Hidalgo takes almost exactly fourteen years to go round the sun, two years longer than any other minor planet.

From Professor Neujmin's observations it is calculated that it will make its nearest approach to the sun at 11 p.m. on March 4 of this year. This is within a week of the predicted date, a degree of correspondence which is regarded by astronomers as highly satisfactory for so errant a planet.

Since last seen it has wandered nearly as far out as Saturn towards the edge of the solar system.

1934 DECLARED ANXIOUS AND BUFFETED YEAR

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The second problem was even more difficult and constituted a more serious menace to the preservation of peace. It arose out of the acute dispute between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary following the assassination of King Alexander, and there an especial responsibility rested upon the representatives of the British Government to maintain an attitude of scrupulous impartiality.

The Council of the League, he continued, could claim that in one week the two problems, either of which might have seriously undermined the good relations between the states of Europe, had been so dealt with as now to give the affair the prospect of a satisfactory final conclusion.—British Wireless Service.

To-day's Short Story.

Life's Like That

By Richard
Dicker

FRED Burlingham lay quite still and contented, waiting for death.

Fred Burlingham lay quite still. He was waiting for death.

He knew that he was dying. Death would come in the silence of the night. There was no escape. Nor did he seek one.

He knew he was dying, and in a way, the knowledge brought him more comfort than alarm. He had had many a bad cold before this—quite considerable doses of flu, some of them—but this was different from all the others. Not to outward appearances, perhaps, but inwardly, he felt certain that, in the silence of the night, he would die. There was no chance of escape, neither did he seek one. He just lay there in the darkness of his bedroom, watching the shadows cast on the walls and ceiling by the lamps of passing cars in the busy street below.

Fred Burlingham had no grudge against life, neither did he feel any deep obligation towards it. It just did not interest him any more. For the first time in his forty odd years he was beginning to realise the meaning of the word "complex."

Things were baffling him these days, things which in the past he had dismissed as outside his concern but which now seemed to be

very part of his existence. "Why?" "What?" "How?" Words like that came to him often nowadays; not just ordinary queries, but uneasy, discomforting ones to which he could find no satisfactory answer.

They were flooding over him now, not bewilderingly, but rather as gentle, amusing surprises, sent to help him pass the time away before he died.

MONDAY'S STORY

Monday's story will be "Just Like Human Puppets They Were . . .", by Gertrude A. Baldock.

What would they say about him to-morrow? How would they feel about his death? Peggy and Frank, for instance, and Mr. Jackson. And Hilda. At the thought of Hilda, Fred's mouth drooped at the corners, and a little, wry smile crept over his face.

"Poor Hilda," he murmured, "She'll miss me, I know."

Then back swerved his thoughts to Peggy. His wife. A charming girl. Peggy, both in looks and in nature, but—she wasn't the wife for him. He knew it—they both knew it equally well, though neither of them would have put it into words. Five years of marriage had not soured them in the slightest, but it had shown to them, at any rate, the total unsuitability of the match they had made. Fred did not wonder, really, that Peggy found him dull. Peggy, after all, was only a girl still—not twenty-five—with all a girl's ardour and joy of life. He would not see forty-two again.

And, with a man of Fred's temperament, the disparity between them was too great. Plenty of men are still boys at forty, but not Fred. He was not gentle or particularly dull, but he certainly did prefer the quieter things, the easier enjoyments.

However, they managed pretty well. Wisely human, Fred knew and realised his wife's disappointment in him, and he urged her to make lots of young friends, to go out and about, and enjoy herself, while he took his pleasures in his own way.

Peggy was not unappreciative of his action and, while love and romance had vanished entirely from her home, she yet did her share in looking after her husband's home.

Fred sighed to himself. Poor Peggy. She would be very distressed if he died—her kind heart ensured that. But, after all, it was as well that he should go out of her life now, while she was so young, so vital, so pretty. She would soon find a comforter.

And that brought Fred Burlingham's thoughts veering round to Frank.

Frank would, quite honestly, be glad that Fred had died. Fred guessed that easily. Frank was Peggy's lover—in a perfectly platonic sort of way, of course. They were both far too decent youngsters to be other than platonic. Quite a nice chap, Frank, Fred mused, but somehow he did not think he would be altogether suitable as a husband for Peggy.

Yet that was no business of his, Fred told himself. Having made one mistake, in marrying him, surely Peggy would think not only twice but several times before she let herself in for another husband?

Fred chuckled softly in the darkness. Funny folk! They did not dream that he was aware of their mutual feelings. True, he had always endeavoured to conceal his knowledge on the subject, for he did not want to embarrass Peggy in the slightest, but when a young man "remains a cavalier" to another man's wife for fully three years it is not difficult to plumb the depths of his feelings for the lady. With a sigh, Fred even thought of the "human beings" such as himself. Fred thought could hardly fail to spot the hidden picture of their love.

Well, Peggy knew her own mind better than any rate, Fred mused. As he had said that day in his own room, "I don't think I shall ever love again."

REGISTRY MARRIAGE

Ng—Cheng Toasted By
Sir Wm. Hornell

The marriage of Dr. Y. B. Ng, son of Mr. S. F. Ng, and Miss May Cheng, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Cheng, was solemnised at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, yesterday afternoon.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Gloria Wei as bridesmaid, while Mr. Y. L. Pao, B.Sc., performed the duties of best man.

At the reception held in the Gloucester Restaurant, Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom.

Later the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which will be spent in Japan.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

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the Land Office, Ping Shan, and the charge rooms of the Police Stations at Au Tau, Ping Shan, She Tau Kok, Sai Kung, She Tin, Sheung Shui, Lok Ma Chau and Castle Peak, with effect from 1st January, 1935.

Mr. Dudley Leonard King, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) returned from leave and resumed command of the Hong Kong Police Reserve as from January 1.

On the return from leave of Mr. Dudley Leonard King, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) Mr. Cyril Champkin resumed his substantive rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve) as from January 1.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin has been appointed a member of the Sanitary Board for a further term of three years, with effect from January 12.

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TAKADA	8,000	24th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka.
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The American Consulate in Berlin failed in their attempts to secure the release of Miss Steele, Hollywood, Calif. music student, who has been held for nearly three months in a German prison for alleged opposition to the Nazi regime. Her mother, shown in her Hollywood home, has now asked for State Department intervention.

Life's Like That

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hers, and should prove sufficient to keep her for several years. The insurance on his life was hers as well, had left nothing to a soul but Peggy. He had wanted to leave something for Hilda—why did his eyes sting when he thought about her?—but, firmly, his heart had forbidden him. Nothing should ever touch Hilda's name, and a legacy, no matter of what it consisted, would inevitably prompt some curious questionings into the reason for its bestowal.

With an effort Fred Burlingham forced his thoughts away from Hilda. As a child saves till the last the most succulent tit-bit of its meal so did Fred hug to himself the memory of Hilda; he wanted that to be the last thing of which he was conscious.

Mr. Jackson, then? What would he think about Fred's death?

Fred's good-humoured face was grimmer now as he thought of his employer. Mr. Jackson was all right in some ways, but—Fred gritted his teeth—"He's a murderer in others," he muttered. "Straight enough, morally, but he'd kill the soul of anyone who worked for him. Twenty years of it, and never a kindly word or a thoughtful one, even."

There was reason for Fred's criticism of his employer, for Jackson was one of those men who, without being actually unjust to their workers, made a habit of studiously avoiding any possible suggestion of association with them. Fred had frequently wondered about his employer. Was it possible for any man to be so completely devoid of feeling? he mused.

"I'd give anything to be there in his office to-morrow when he hears about me," Fred told himself, and chuckled at the idea. "I shouldn't be surprised if, when he realises that he's not going to see me any more, after seeing me every day pretty well for twenty years, he feels quite sorry about it."

Fred rolled over on his back and stared up at the dim ceiling. The night was dragging, and yet, somehow, he did not mind. Everything would soon be plain sailing now—for everyone, including Hilda.

At thought of her Fred felt his composure slipping from him, knew, for the first time in his life, a wild desire to cry.

"Complex life." That was it. Everything was too complex. Why couldn't Peggy have married Frank in the first place? Why couldn't Jackson have made life a little brighter sometimes by showing some sort of appreciation? Never gave a man heart to do his best.

Above all, why had life been so cruel about Hilda? Fred's eyes were misty now, as he thought back along the time he had known her. Nobody knew about her—none of his associates, that was Peggy had not liked that such a person existed. Nobody knew but Fred.

They had met in the course of business a year ago. Hilda was twenty-eight then, and Fred knew the moment he saw her that here was the woman in the world out of all the women he should have chosen. Hilda had felt the same urge too. Why hadn't she married? He'd asked her this one day, and she had said that she hadn't wanted to. At that moment Fred had been a young man, and Hilda had been a young woman, and they had both been lonely.

true state of their affections for each other.

One day Fred had taken her in his arms and had kissed her not passionately but contentedly, possessively, like a man who, after long searching, has found that which he had never hoped to find.

Hilda had not resisted; had indeed, surrendered herself gladly to the moment. Yet—there it had ended. Fred would have had it otherwise, but not so Hilda.

"I love you, Fred," she had said simply, "and if you had been free and had asked me to marry you I would have done it gladly. But you're not free. There's your wife, Fred."

Fred had wanted to explain about Peggy, and longed desperately to unburden himself to Hilda, but his tongue was tied. After all, that would be disloyalty to Peggy. She wasn't to blame, any more than he was, and the honesty of his soul would not let him pretend that there was anything unkind or unnatural in her treatment of him.

"Yes—there's Peggy," he had answered slowly. That was all. The parting had been agony for both of them, but they had faced it bravely, as ordinary people do face these things. From time to time they had met again, but only in the course of business, and never a word of love had passed between them.

A very ordinary story? Yes, that—to Fred's mind—was the curse of it. He'd known so many other men who had come up against the same problem as himself, and who had solved it in the same, simple, heart-breaking way. Married bliss didn't last for ever, but marriage ties did, if they meant anything to a man.

There in his dark bedroom, Fred knew a wild unrest. He felt the urge to get up and seize life anew, to forget the problem and snatch the prize—Hilda. Why must such a dilemma ever have entered his life, he wondered miserably. Why—why—why? Questions, eternal and unanswerable, were hazing his mind, giving him a headache, and he tossed and turned restlessly.

Then, like a soothing balm, came back the thought again—he was going to die very soon. The knowledge flooded over him, comforting, warming. That was the best solution after all. Hilda could never be happy while he lived and was unattainable. Neither could he know contentment again. The mere thought of having to wake up again next morning to another day of perplexity of going on again as he had done, seemed intolerable and unthinkable. Death would smooth out all the wrinkles and worries.

Without any of his asking, death was going to do this, too—he was quite confident. Never would he have contemplated suicide; men like Fred Burlingham do not take the coward's way out of their difficulties. But this was different.

"So different," murmured Fred, happily, drowsily. "It's like going to sleep in a nice warm bath." And that—and Hilda's face—were the last things he remembered.

And next morning, when, with the audience and the unquestioning resignation of the Fred Burlingham of this world, he set out on his journey, he found that he was not alone. Hilda was with him, and she was his. He had won her, and he was happy.

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In Sleeping Cars

Early experiments in air-conditioning led to the construction of an apparatus which was installed in a number of sleeping cars, mainly those in the first-class coaches of the "Flying Scotsman."

The air was filtered and warmed and delivered by pipes giving an individual supply to each berth. The temperature of the air could be regulated by each passenger.

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Many inventions have been tried including one that relied on every member of the audience wearing glasses with different coloured lenses—and now it looks as though the problem had been solved.

The apparatus is simple. It consists of an attachment weighing only a few pounds which, by means of revolving mirrors, throws a slightly different view of the subject on to each separate picture of the film.

The first picture is thus taken normally, the second slightly to the right (as though through the camera's right "eye") and the third slightly to the left.

The effect when the film is run rapidly through the projector is said to be that of natural vision. The time is coming when the stereoscopic natural-colour film will give the impression that the events on the screen are actually taking place in real life. In some ways a disturbing thought....

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The average amount of specie in reserve during the month ended December 31 was \$142,400,000, of which the H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. claimed \$132,750,000.

MORE REFORMS IN KWANGTUNG

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Six counties South of Canton are already paying this tax, as the value of the land there has been assessed after survey by an assessment committee. Twelve counties around Swatow have been under assessment by thirty-two assessment squads.

OFFICIALS OBSERVED

The provincial official also announced the elimination of incompetent county magistrates by observation. Other civil servants in the counties will come under observation, and later the same process is to be applied to provincial officials. In future county magistrates are to be appointed by competitive examination.

In order to determine the actual population of Kwangtung, the official stated, a census has been under preparation since October 1, 1934. Such statistics are essential for all kinds of administrative relief and reforms. The census is expected to be completed by the end of February.

ROYAL ACADEMY EXHIBITION

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With the fierce competition in the world to-day, he continued, every means of producing better and more attractive things must be explored, and added that he thought exhibitions will convey the idea of what can be produced by manufacturers to-day in the way of attractive and frequently inexpensive articles with which more fully to enjoy their daily life, he urged the public to show a genuine interest in the improvements in design, combining utility with attractiveness of industrial products, to make it worth while for the increasing production of such articles.—British Wireless Service.

PRO TENNIS OFFERS

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YESTERDAY'S SENSATION. A sensation was caused yesterday when O'Brien announced that Perry had asked him to have the U.S.\$40,000 contract ready for him to sign in San Francisco next month. Perry later denied all knowledge of the contract, and said he would not turn professional without first consulting the Lawn Tennis Association.

Mrs. Fearnley Whittingstall was said to have accepted a U.S.\$10,000 offer, thus causing Helen Jacobs to waver in her decision, but later said she would never dream of forsaking her amateur status.

TREASURY BILLS ISSUE

London, To-day. — The total amount applied for in tenders for \$3,000,000 Treasury bills was \$49,560,000. The amount allotted in bills at three months was \$27,500,000 at the average rate per cent of 3/184d, as against 3/60d last week.—British Wireless Service.

NO "MONSTERS" IN THE NAVY

Cities Instead

Second thoughts have prevailed at the Admiralty concerning the naming of ships of the Royal Navy after mythical monsters.

Sir E. Eyre Monsell, the First Lord, stated in the House of Commons last month that the names of ships of the M class of cruisers had recently been under review, and the King had approved a proposal that the ships should be named after cities.

Two ships in the 1933 programme, the Polyphemus and the Minotaur, which had not yet been named, would accordingly be named Southampton and Newcastle.

Three ships of the 1934 programme would be named Birmingham, Glasgow and Sheffield.

J.P.'s DORA PROTEST

"Bed At Sunset"

When Portsmouth police raised objections to certain applications before the magistrates by licence holders for extensions for special occasions—not the royal wedding—the chairman (Mr. J. Baggs), one of the oldest justices, said:

"I object to these continued objections on the part of the police. If this sort of thing keeps going on and the matter is not left to the magistrates, I shall not sit on the bench."

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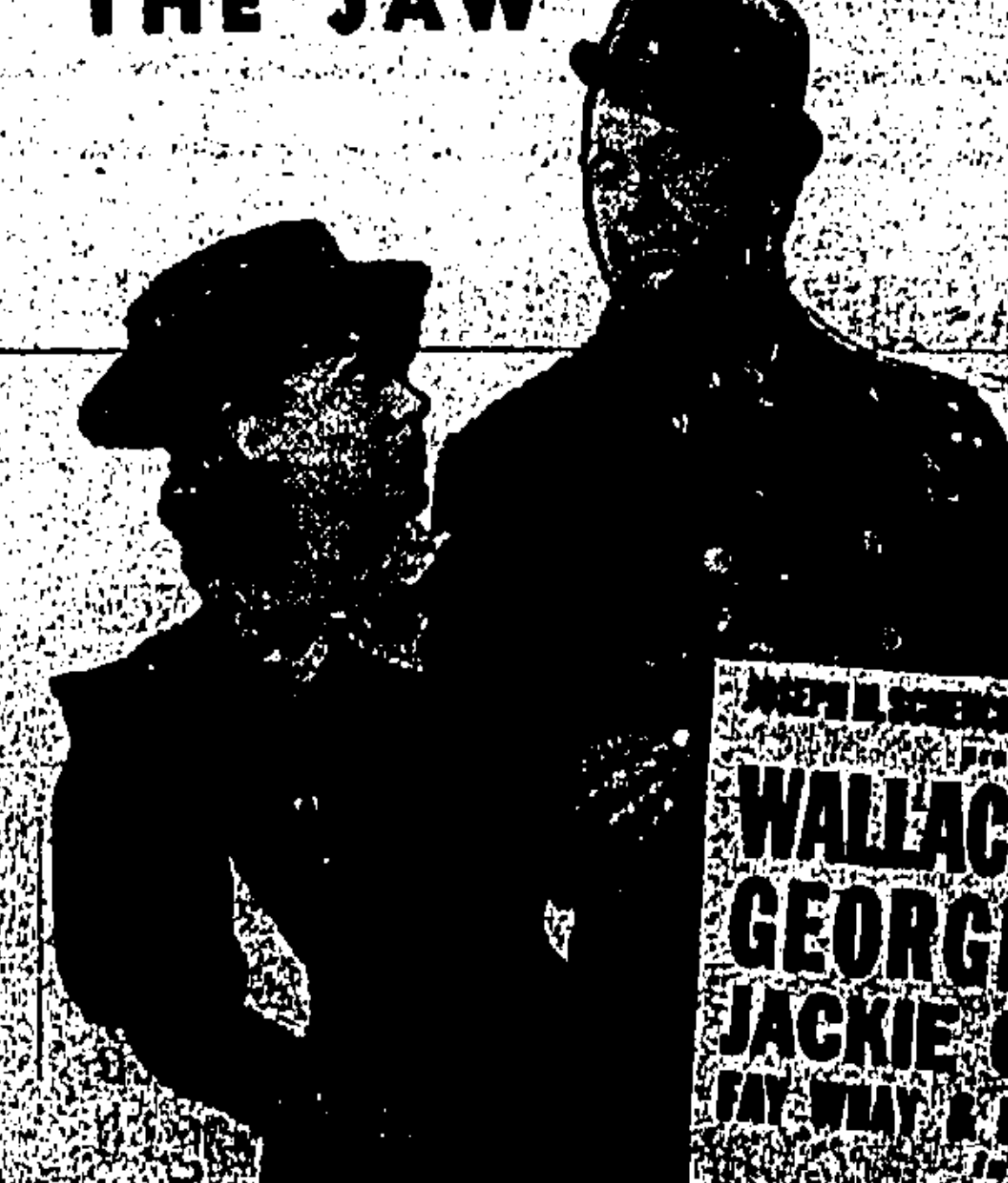
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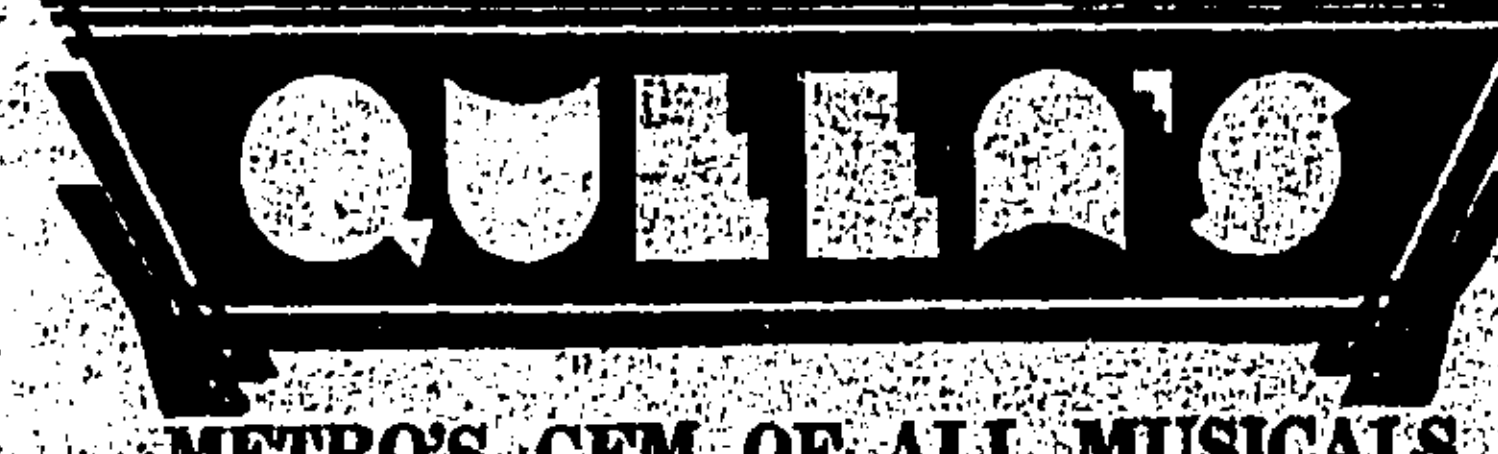
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